

**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Motives Obscure**

FOR the moment the value and import of Russia's unexpected agreement to the proposal to take part in four-power talks must be treated with caution. It possesses one merit: no impossible pre-conditions are laid down, and so far as one can see there is now no reason why a meeting in Berlin should not eventually take place. Interesting as what precisely has dictated this sudden decision on the part of the Kremlin. The motives may be perfectly sincere and above-board, yet the significance of timing cannot be ignored. The Bermuda Big Three talks are due to begin at the end of next week, while a new political crisis in France has only narrowly been averted over the question of ratifying the European Defence Community treaty. Both events offer themselves for exploitation on the part of Russia. Her refusal, hitherto, to give the slightest hint that she is interested in Big Four discussions is one of the reasons which prompted the Bermuda conference; whereas by this last-minute offer to join the Western Powers in round-table talks she may feel she can undermine the basic purpose of the Bermuda meeting.

UNDOUBTEDLY, however, what worries Russia most at this time is the likelihood of the European Defence Community pact being ratified by all of the signatories, and thereafter put into effect. In the long run Russia would probably go to any lengths to ensure the treaty being sabotaged, and she may well believe that by accepting the Big Three invitation to talks on European problems she will succeed at least in delaying full ratification. That there are ulterior motives behind the Kremlin's sudden change of heart it is hard, indeed, to disbelieve. What otherwise has kindled the Kremlin's sudden willingness to set aside its insistent demands that Communist China should share in Big Four talks on European issues? Whatever the reasons they will not succeed in setting aside the main purpose of the Bermuda meeting, nor, we believe, prevent ratification of EDC.

# Text Of Russian Note On Four-Power Talks WARNS QUESTION OF 5-NATION PARLEYS WILL BE RAISED

London, Nov. 27. The text of the Soviet note handed over to the Big Three Western envoys in Moscow yesterday, in reply to the Western proposal for a Big Four meeting on Germany, was transmitted to Russian local newspapers by Tass, the official Soviet news agency, tonight.

The Soviet note said: (Tass gave the text of the note to France, identical to those sent to Britain and the United States).

"The Soviet Government confirms the receipt of the note of the French Government of November 14, which is a reply to the Soviet Government's note of November 3. The French Government says that the Government of the USSR seems to have rejected the proposal for a conference of Foreign Ministers on the most urgent international problems. Such a statement does not conform to reality and is in glaring contradiction to what was said by the Soviet Government in its note of November 3.

"As is known, in its note the Soviet Government not only did not reject the proposal of the French Government for a conference of Foreign Ministers on the most urgent international problems, but on the contrary, it again confirmed its positive attitude towards the convocation of such a conference, although the proposal of the Government of the USSR failed to coincide with the proposal of the Government of France.

**PROPOSAL RECALLED**  
"The Soviet Government has proposed to summon a conference of Foreign Ministers of France, Britain, the United States, China and the USSR for the discussion of measures designed to ease tension in international relations; and to summon a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of France, Britain, the USA and the USSR to discuss the question of the German problem, including all the proposals advanced in the course of the preparation for the conference.

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**COMMON STRIVING**  
"The proposal of the Soviet Government to call a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of France, Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and the Chinese People's Republic for the discussion of measures to be taken in order to diminish international tension and also to have the German question resolved by the Foreign Ministers of France, Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, is permeated by the common striving to bring about a relaxation of international tension and in particular by the desire to secure the stable security of Europe, which demands the final solution of the German problem.

"The French Government in its note also advises the Soviet Government of its endeavour to ease the international tension and on this occasion refers to the German problem, the problem of concluding an Austrian state treaty and agreement on the convocation of the political conference in Korea as the most urgent international problems.

"Already the mere listing of the above mentioned problems shows that the French Government, reviewing the most urgent international problems to be discussed at the meeting of Foreign Ministers, focuses its attention on problems concerning both Europe and Asia.

"Precisely because the need to discuss the problem of taking the necessary measures leading to a relaxation of international tension has not only grown but can no longer be delayed, the Soviet Government has considered and still considers it necessary to convene a meeting of the representatives of the great powers without any exclusion.

"As the French Government also states that it wants to co-operate in order to help relax international tension, it should also desire the convening of a meeting of the five powers: France, Britain, the USA, the USSR and the Chinese People's Republic.

"From this also follows the lack of foundation of the objections made by the French Government in its note of November 14.

"The Soviet Government confirms its proposal put forward in its note of November 3 concerning the question of convening a meeting of foreign ministers.

**OPENS DOORS WIDE**  
"The Government of the USSR again states that the plans for the creation of a so-called European Army open wide the doors to the resurgence of German militarism and to the remilitarisation of Western Germany as well as leading to the establishment on the territory of several European states of foreign military bases which present a threat to the security of other European states and contradict the interests of security in Europe.

"The Soviet Government rejects as deprived of all foundation the allegations contained in the note sent by the French Government on November 14 claiming that the unfavourable attitude of the Soviet Government to the establishment of a European Army represents in itself a demand that France, Britain and the United States should give up all planning for their own security though the position of the USSR, as stated in the Soviet note, does not touch upon the question of the armed forces of these states.

"The statement made for obvious propaganda purposes—that an allegedly defenceless Western Europe seems to be the price the Soviet Union is demanding for her participation in the conference appears to have as little foundation as the above.

## Many Holiday Accidents

Chicago, Nov. 27. Thanksgiving Day accidents killed 103 persons in the nation, including 122 in traffic accidents, according to United Press tabulations today.

In addition to the traffic toll, 41 persons died in miscellaneous mishaps. There were no airplane crash victims.

California led the states with 12 deaths, New York and Illinois recorded 10, Florida had nine and Ohio eight—United Press.

## THE QUEEN SAILS FOR N. ZEALAND

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 27. Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh sailed from Kingston today in the liner Gothia on their way to New Zealand and Australia.

A huge crowd waved and cheered as the Gothia steamed slowly out of the harbour. Local yachts sailed past the liner giving the Queen and Duke a farewell salute.

The Royal visitors had boarded the Gothia about an hour before departure time. The sea was calm and blue, but the sky was overcast.

Before boarding the ship, the Queen inspected a guard of honour.

## "LITTLE SIX" MEETING

Paris, Nov. 27. French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault announced the vote in the National Assembly that he will leave tonight for The Hague for the meeting of the "Little Six" Foreign Ministers—Reuter.

## Want Atrocities Condemned

United Nations, Nov. 27. The United States will call upon the United Nations to condemn atrocities against captured troops and civilian population by Communist forces in Korea, but will not demand an investigation, "informed sources said today.—United Press.

# Korean Problem To Come Before The UN Assembly

New York, Nov. 27. Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, leader of the Indian delegation, said today that he would bring the Korean problem before the present session of the United Nations General Assembly ended, but he did not believe that detailed debate at this stage would be helpful.

The Assembly is due to finish on December 8. At the same time, Mr Menon referred to the Soviet Union's agreement to the Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference and said he hoped it would be the beginning of a "new adventure toward peace."

Mr Menon referred to both subjects when he explained in the Assembly's Political Committee India's vote on the Soviet "peace package" proposal, which the Committee rejected yesterday.

India abstained on most of the operative provisions of the resolution, but voted in favour of a clause which asked—the Assembly to recognize that the establishment of overseas military bases increased the threat of a new world war and operated to undermine the national sovereignty and independence of states.

This provision was rejected along with all the other proposals in the Soviet resolution. Mr Menon said that the Indian delegation still considered that in the complex situation in the world, the meeting on a high level of the four powers mainly concerned, although not necessarily the exclusive method, was one of the factors which would bring relief.

**HEARTENING**  
"We must all be happy and heartened to read in the newspapers this morning that now an opportunity has arisen by the announcement by Moscow that there is some progress regarding a meeting of the four powers," he said.

"We must all hope and retain the faith that this will be the beginning of a new adventure towards peace."

Regarding Korea, Mr Menon said, "I should like to say to the Committee that we shall take appropriate opportunity before the conclusion of the Committee's proceedings to suggest the consideration of the Korean problem in the context of events then existing, of which none of us can be certain at this moment."

Mr Menon said that India's desire to see the armistice agreement converted into a settlement as speedily as possible and our concern with the problem arising from the repatriation agreement and the responsibilities which any country carries, moves us deeply.

"But," he added, "I do not think a detailed debate at this particular moment is likely to assist us in the purposes we have."

Mr Menon said, "My country is deeply concerned for its own sake, and for the sake of the world, at the existence of the apparatus of war in great and greater regions. They are likely to have reactions on the countries which provided for them and the countries on which they are based, and the whole of the area. While we do not desire at this stage to carry this issue any further, we thought it was our duty to register our views in the mildest manner possible in the matter."

Mr Menon said the Indian delegation abstained on the remaining operative paragraphs of the Soviet resolution, "because they had no purpose content, but due to the fact that these are matters which relate to the detail and mechanism and implementation of peaceful measures and of disarmament as a whole, which must be considered in the Disarmament Commission."—Reuter.

Two South Korean Generals in the Defence Ministry were convicted of bribery today and sentenced to three months in prison plus dishonourable discharge.

The case involved money allegedly received from a soy sauce company supplying the ROK Army.

A military court convicted Brigadier-General Kim Chung-ho, chief of the Ministry's finance section and brother-in-law of ROK Prime Minister Park Toon-chin. The other one was Major-General Chung Chin-wan.

Several other lesser officers received similar sentences.

In another military trial, an industrial South Korean legislator, one time close associate of President Syngman Rhee, was charged with harbouring a criminal and embezzlement.

Yang Woo-jung, publisher of the newspaper Yonhap Shimun, was charged with harbouring associate editor Chung Kuk-sun who is under investigation.—United Press.

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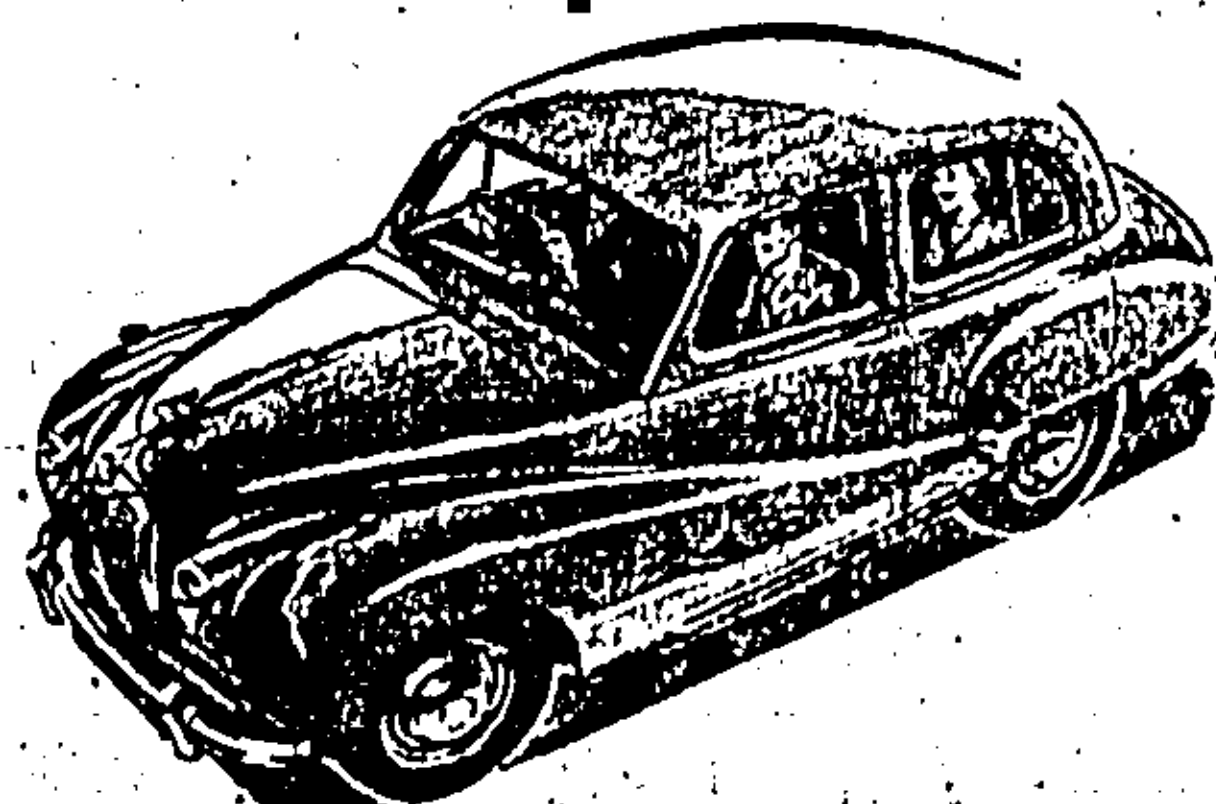
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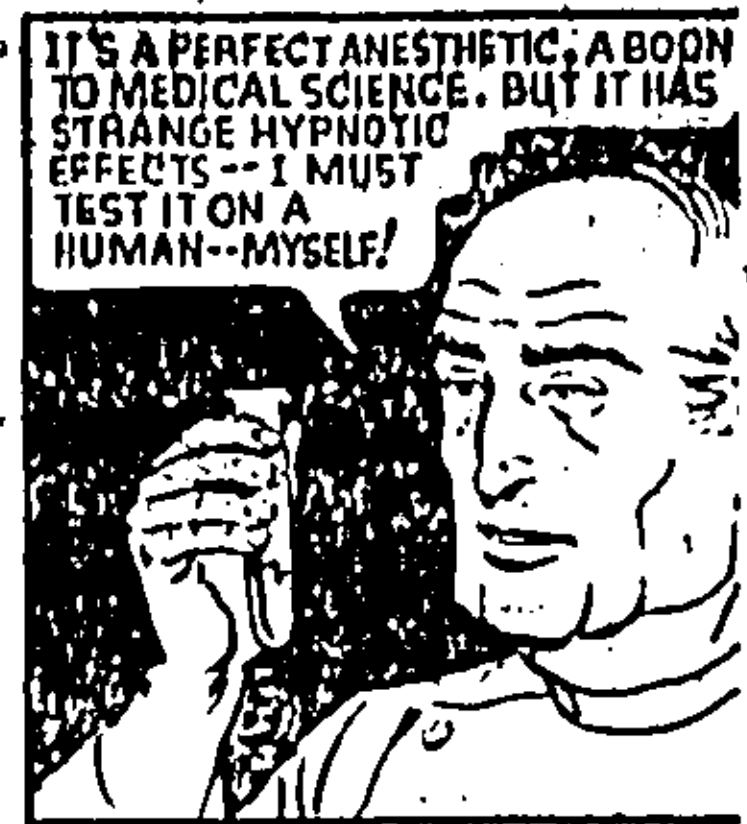
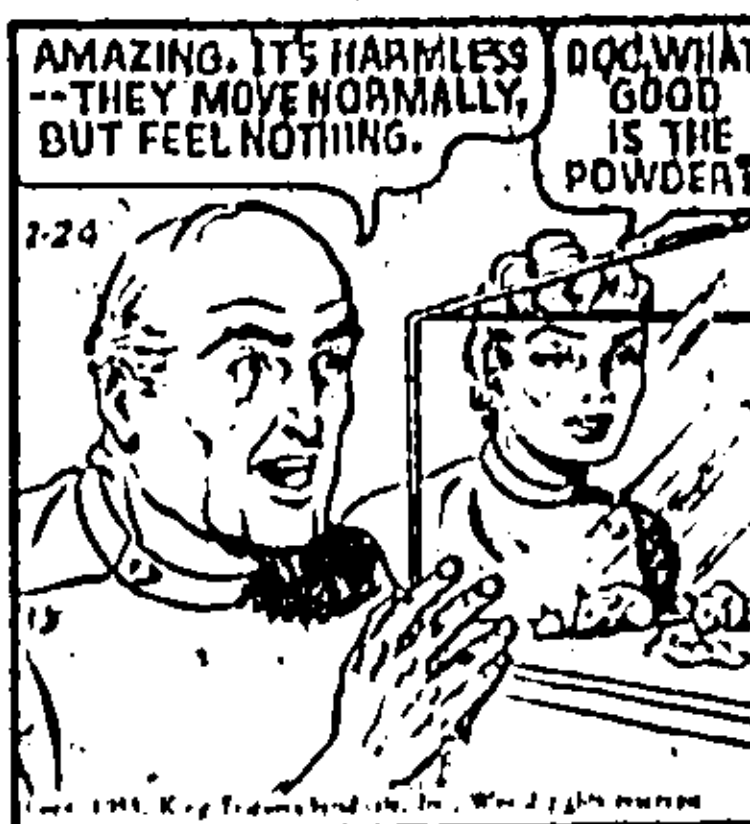
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## FILMS—CURRENT AND COMING

By MARGARET BRUCE

Judging by my film correspondence, Cinemascope has swung into full control at Warner Bros at any rate. They have a singularly interesting line-up of both stars and stories for this new and vital step forward in screen entertainment. I am particularly interested in it as the possible transference of lifeblood necessary for the cinema, as such, to meet the menace of television.

Judy Garland, Doris Day, James Mason, John Wayne, are some of the star names involved. Also Gregory Peck, who plans to appear in a new version of "MOBY DICK." A fishy choice, I think. They should keep Mr. Peck off the ocean now (having proved himself seaworthy as Hornblower). Or at any rate out of those nasty, dirty polo-necked sweaters. Surely his charm is more aesthetic?

I'm delighted to hear that Sir Walter Scott's classic of the Crusades, "THE TALISMAN," is being made with George Sanders as Richard Coeur de Lion, and Rex Harrison as the Saracen.

I shall be a turned-out there, I can see. Disney's "ROB ROY" has had its premiere in London, and we must hope to see it soon. I am rapidly being persuaded to the opinion that Scott was a very fine film script-writer. He's a master of movement, action and romance as you saw in "IVANHOE." At the time I said it "wasn't Scott." Well, of course, that's just what it was—in essence—with the padding of redundant words deleted.

"EAST OF EDEN," John Steinbeck's current best-seller, should prove another worthwhile production. And "HELEN OF TROY" will, no doubt, offer ample opportunities to whoever happens to be the face at the moment. Presumably they will remember that it was her face?

"DANIEL AND THE WOMEN OF BABYLON" is a title that catches my eye, too. I'd always heard his name mentioned in connection with lions, but, of course, he must have had his off-duty hours.

## ANOTHER GUINNESS

Last week I'm afraid I raised your hopes with the news that "JULIUS CAESAR" was "forthcoming." Well, apparently its exact moment of coming forth is a secret that the management of the CAPITOL and LIBERTY keep even from themselves.

However, we must not judge them too harshly, because, immediately following the successful run of "SOMBRERO" they are bringing us "THE CAPTAIN'S PARADISE."

Anyone who has seen Alec Guinness in comedy—"KIND HEARTS AND CROWNED"—"THE LAVENDER HILL MOP"—or "THE CARD"—will need no warning, not to miss this, his latest.

He plays the part of the Captain of a ferry boat that plies between Gibraltar and North Africa. In Gibraltar he's sedately married to Celia Johnson, an excellent cook and housewife, but in Kallik he's otherwise engaged, with Yvonne de Carlo, a woman of wit, different (but varied) interest! Thus our Captain gets the best of both worlds. However they both have a change of heart, and life no longer runs smoothly.

I can tell you the rough outline of the story, but I can't begin to convey the brilliance of the comedy as handled by these three artists. Don't miss this film, it's a tonic. A sheer saucy delight. It should be seen.

## FANTASTIC HOAX

The EMPIRE may still be showing "THE MAN WITH MY FACE," a United Artists film starring Barry Nelson in a double-identity role. Filmed in Puerto Rico, this is an unusual, though somewhat indigestible, mystery-thriller about a fantastic hoax in which a man finds himself ousted from his home and family by a crook who looks like him, and also saddled with the crime. The best acting comes from a Bohemian Pinscher. They follow this up with "PONY EXPRESS," when

they'll be joined by the KING'S and PRINCESS. One gets so satiated by Westerns that there is a tendency to flinch at the word. This is a Western.

It's cowboys and Indians and Buffalo Bill. I'm not fooling. William Cody himself. Played with considerable charm by Charles Heston. He brings such sincerity and life to the part that he alone lifts the film out of a rut. But I also liked it as an honest tribute to the brave men who started riding Pony Express across the United States, linking the East and West, on horseback, by the fantastically small bracket of ten days.

Rhonda Fleming is a joy to look upon, and there is a great appeal in the fact that (with everything else coloured) she wears nothing but black and white. With her own glorious colouring this is remarkably effective. Too effective to be thrown away on a role that cannot hope to be one of her greatest.

However, I sincerely enjoyed this story, for it has a tale to tell.

After "PONY EXPRESS," the KING'S plan to show "THE 5,000 FINGERS OF DR. T," as I said last week. This is to have the new Stereophonic sound as well as being a "Wonderama." A feature so new that no one appears to know exactly what it is. I look forward to finding out.

The PRINCESS bring back an old film, but a good one "THE BLACK NAUFRIGUS." This stars Deborah Kerr and the young Jean Simmons. Don't miss it if you haven't already seen it.

"SECOND CHANCE," at the LEE and GREAT WORLD, I reviewed last time. You'll enjoy the 8-dimensional Andes scenery, and have an exciting trip on a cable car.

They are having on GUNSMOKE" after that. This comes, I fancy, under the heading of "travesty." It's full of action, if that's what you're after.

Audie Murphy, who for some reason is very popular, is cast as a gunman who has just got in time to defeat the greedy frontier gang and get the girl (Susan Cabot).

It is fortunate indeed that Mr Murphy proves just as popular with one of the villains as with the fans, because it saves his life when there was literally no other way out for the script-writers.

## EXOTIC BALDERDASH

Arlene Dahl and Fernando Lamas are coming to the QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA, in "THE DIAMOND QUEEN." Although, if Hollywood rumours are to be believed, they are brilliant unto themselves, for the moment, as far as the film goes, Gilbert Roland is a welcome addition.

This is a wild's brew of exotic balderdash, located in the Himalayas. The script-writer must have a strong liaison with the world because the lurid comic, so regrettably prominent these days. But they have leavened it pleasantly with a great deal of that soothing syrup for film fans known as Cheesecake. To the uninitiated, "glamour" may convey more meaning.

Roughly, it gives an idea of what might have happened to Jean Taverrier, the first Frenchman to explore India, and who returned to France with the diamond that became the Capstone of the Crown of Louis XIV. To this purpose he makes good use of a new and secret weapon—the hand grenade.

However Arlene Dahl is superbly beautiful, (surely the ideal choice for "HELEN OF TROY") and there is a large public for this type of film. For the comics, too.

Afterwards we are to be shown "THE SYSTEM." This is a super-gangster film. I have not seen it and I'm not going to. Though this is a purely personal prejudice and idiosyncrasy.

## TENDER FEET

The ROXY and BROADWAY are showing Clifton Webb in "MR. SCOUTMASTER." It really achieves what it sets out to be—an hilarious comedy, but with a warm-hearted undertone. If some of the situations appear to be a little irritatingly far-fetched, they are easily redeemed by Mr Webb's clever characterization, and his talent for comedy.

He plays the part of a stiff, snappish man who gets twigged into becoming a Scoutmaster, with very Tender Feet, if the Scouts will forgive my play on their words. However, that's not the only thing that's tender after a few hours, with the boys.

All those who enjoyed "SITTING PRETTY" should see this film. Webb is given another opportunity of dishing ice cream into the face of his tormentor, even as he did with porridge before, and, strangely, it sustains the repetition. Edmond Gwenn is delightful in the role of an understanding

priest, and there is another excellent and sensitive performance from that attractive small boy with the deep purple voice, George Winslow.

"SAN ANTONIO," their next attraction, is a Western. The action starts, a trifle obviously, in San Antonio during the year 1861, which, in case you don't know, is during the American Civil War.

The story is an involved one, but very easy to follow because everyone who is clean and a cowboy is good (i.e. Rod Cameron) and all the grubby soldiers are just about as degradingly bad as they can be. It's a tale of violence and vengeance, with severely a human weakness ignored. The ending, however, is unexpected and quite refreshing. The villain is spared death to face an even worse fate—life with the more unpleasant of the two leading ladies.

## DELIGHTFUL

I would like to make a special mention of the Charity Show Film that is going to be shown by the EMPIRE on December 7, in aid of the Hong Kong Council of Social Services, "NEVER TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER."

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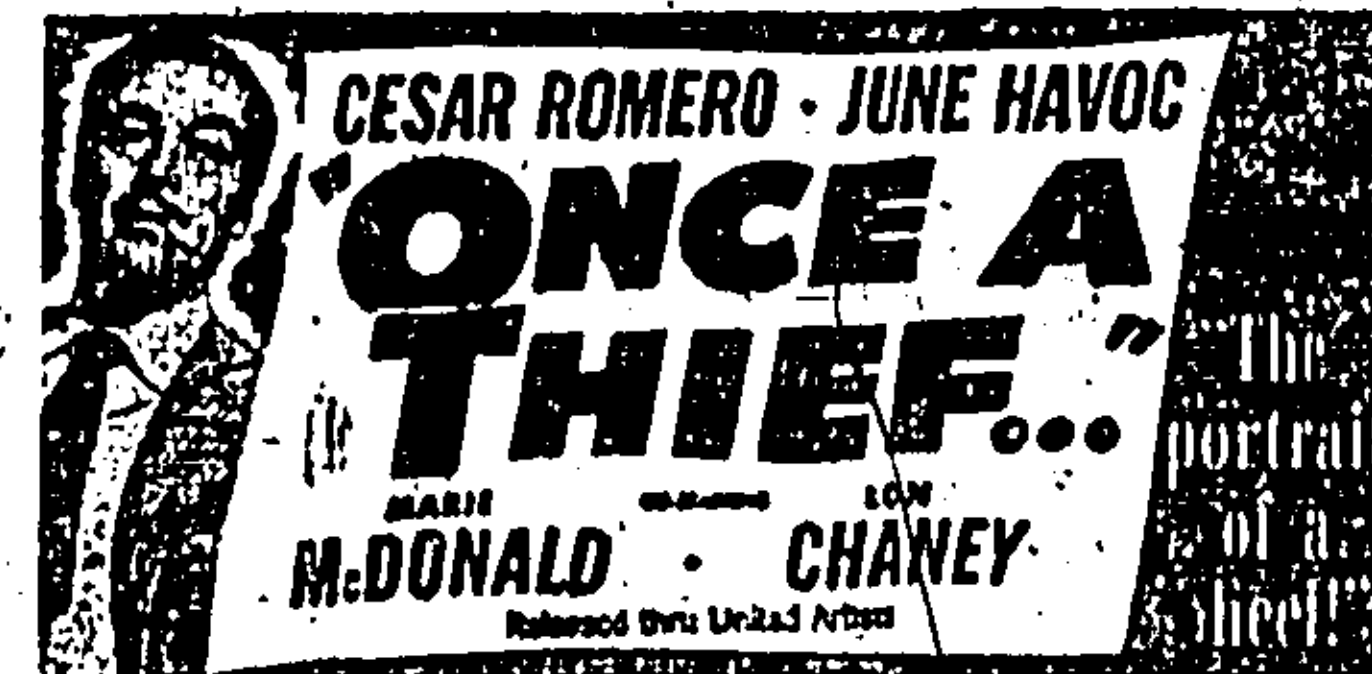
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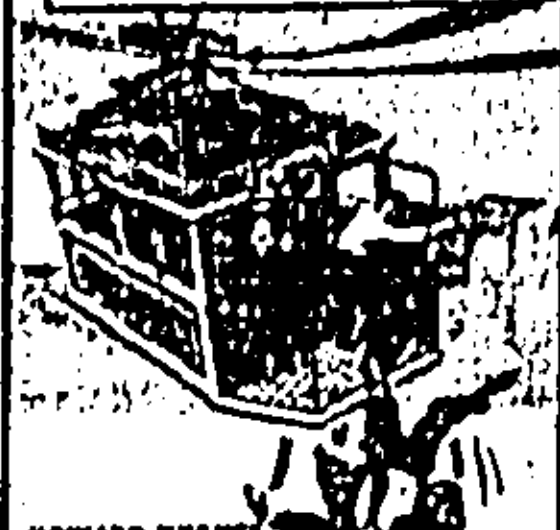
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Everett D. Howe, director of the sea water demineralisation project at Richmond, announced that experimental results to date "indicate these methods should produce fresh water at attractive prices under conditions which exist in some parts of California."

**Modernising Army  
& Air Force Law**

London.

The death penalty will in future be imposed by Army and RAF courts martial only for the most serious forms of mutiny if the recommendations of a House of Commons Select Committee which have just been published become law.

The Committee, under Sir Patrick Spens, has been employed over the past 18 months in modernising the Army Act and Air Force Act, and the changes they suggest will register the greatest advances in military law since the Mutiny Act of 1689.

The great changes in the last 250 years which necessitated these revisions include the presence of women in the armed forces, the tremendous increase in size of the present Army and Royal Air Force over the forces of the past, the change from a purely volunteer character to the inclusion of National Service recruits enlisted for comparatively short periods, and the general tendency of the present times towards more humane conditions.

The death penalty for cowardice was abolished in 1930 but can still be imposed for certain offences committed

through cowardice. The Committee recommends that the maximum punishment for these offences should be imprisonment and that the death penalty should be reserved only for the most serious forms of mutiny. Moreover, it is further suggested that sentence of death must be the unanimous finding of a court martial and not a two-thirds majority of the members which is the present law. In addition, it is recommended that confirmation of the death sentence should be made by an officer below the rank of general, except in certain cases on active service.

**DEFINITION**

There is no statutory definition of Mutiny and the Committee proposes it should be defined to cover:

"A combination between two or more persons subject to Service law to overthrow or resist lawful authority; to disobey lawful authority in such circumstances as to make the disobedience subversive of discipline or with the object of avoiding any duty or service against or in connection with operations against the enemy; or to impede the performance of any duty or service in Her Majesty's forces or in any part of such forces."

This definition would cover "go slow" and "sit down" strikes. The Committee believes that flogging and the less pleasing kinds of field punishment should be discontinued on the grounds that they are "obsolete and of only historical interest" and also suggests that the offence of using traitorous words against the Sovereign be expunged from the Acts as "a relic from Jacobite days."

Under the Army and Air Force (Women's Services) Act, 1948 it is possible for a court martial trying a man to consist entirely, or mainly, of women officers. The Committee recommends that men should be tried only by male officers unless it is particularly desirable that a woman officer should be a member, and that where possible women should be tried by courts consisting of a majority of women. The Committee also suggests that the presiding officer should always be a male until women officers have had much more experience of courts martial.

**10-Storey Building To  
Move 120 Feet**

Chicago.

A 10-storey building weighing 15,000 tons will be rolled 120 feet next summer to make way for a super-highway.

Public Works Commissioner D. E. Gunlock said his office has offered \$140,000 to Samuel Shatten, president of Sanders Motors, to move the 30,000,000 pound Keogh Building to land owned by Shatten.

The building, about 25 years old, is built of heavily reinforced concrete and house heavy printing presses. Gunlock said that barring last minute contract difficulties, agreement should be reached this month on details of the plan.

Shatten must acquire one and one-half lots lying between his property and the building's present site on the route of the proposed "northwest super-highway."

Gunlock said Shatten has offered \$38,000 for the land.

Shatten said the moving job will take about two weeks, but preparing the site and building for the transfer will run the time of completion to five or six months.

Shatten said he expects to spend about \$1,200,000 on the entire operation. The building's ground level floor will be sheared off. The building will be supported by a steel framework.

Eighty caissons will be sunk 70 feet on the new site and a new concrete floor laid. Four-inch rollers will be inserted under the structure and the building will be edged along them on railroad tracks propelled either by mechanical screw jacks or hydraulic jacks, according to the plans, United Press.

He warned, however, that many technical problems must be solved before a commercially practical process can be developed to relieve drought-ridden areas.

Howe said two types of experimental units are being used; a solar distiller and a low-temperature difference combined power plant and still. A third type, a triple-effect distiller using waste heat from a diesel engine, will be in operation soon, he added.

Howe said fresh water in amount up to 100 gallons a day have been produced for more than a year from the solar still.

"Nearly 2,000 gallons a day can be recovered using waste warm water in the low-temperature difference distiller," he said.

**TOO EXPENSIVE**

Howe said the research money comes from the state legislature, university funds and the Federal Government. He added that this year the state legislature is providing \$100,000 for further work on the entire solar-water programme here and at the Los Angeles campus.

He said that at present units of the solar distiller are too expensive and complicated for practical application. "The solar distiller lacks a practical design for producing quantities of low-cost water," he said, "and the thermal difference plant involves unconventional designs for the turbine and evaporator and air pumps. These are some of the problems we are trying to solve now."

Howe, who is associate dean of the college of engineering, said that the experiments on low-temperature difference combined power plant and distiller are being co-ordinated with work done by the French in French West Africa. The French started work with this type of power plant-distiller in the 1920's.

The principle involved is that power can be developed in any system in which even a small temperature difference exists.

**SELF-OPERATING**

He said that with the unit operated by the university, he figures that if enough power can be developed by running the fresh water vapour derived through the turbine even a small temperature difference between the sea water and the water circulating through the condenser, he said.

Dean Howe noted that a satisfactory solution to the problems involved would benefit industry considerably, too. Big industrial plants, he said, build large cooling towers to dispose of waste heat. If a satisfactory design for a practical thermal-difference combined power plant and distiller can be worked out, he said, "we should be able to make use of this waste product." United Press.

**Didn't Get  
His Last Wish**Wellington, Shropshire.  
A 41-year-old unemployed school teacher who gassed himself didn't have his last wish.

"It's very odd getting drunk to kill oneself," wrote teacher Stanley Carr Spargo, a native of Adelaide, Australia. "This is about the tenth brandy," Spargo continued, in his suicide note. "One does all the usual things looking at change, using the ashtray, smiling across the bar counter with the horror of death by suicide in one's mind. Let it not be said I did it while of unsound mind..."

But the Wellington coroner recorded a verdict of "suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed." United Press.

**BURY HATCHET**

(Claremore, Oklahoma). The Osage and Cherokee Indians buried the hatchet recently after 115 years of "warfare." Some 4,000 persons gathered to witness the treaty ceremony—burying an old stone hatchet which, according to Indian lore, makes the treaty legal. United Press.

**\$1 A Year For  
Ex-Wife**Springfield, Ill.  
A North Dakota man bequeathed \$33 for his divorced wife—"51 for each year of our married life." Ira T. Hall, who died in Hecklinger, North Dakota, last Jan. 17, provided the sum for his former wife, Ethel E. Hall of Hecklinger. A petition to admit the will to probate was filed here because Hall owned real estate here. United Press.**CANADA  
BECOMING  
WARMER**

Toronto.

Canada's climate is warming up, due to a recession of the Polar ice cap, but whether this is the prelude to the Dominion becoming near-tropical is a question scientists are pondering, Samuel Nelson of the University of New Brunswick said.

Nelson said most of North America became warmer on the four occasions the Polar ice cap receded near the equator in years ago, but instead of palm trees growing—as was the case in the pre-ice age—the climate became cold again as the ice cap edged back southward.

"It may come back again," he said. "If it doesn't, Canada and the United States may become near tropical again."

Nelson said that in the pre-ice age, before the advent of man dinosaurs roamed the plains of Alberta and were kings over all animals.

During Nelson's field work for the geological survey of Canada, in 1950 and 1951, faunal and stratigraphic studies were made along the Churchill, Nelson, North and South Knife Rivers where highly fossiliferous limestones were well exposed, attaining a possible thickness of 300 feet.

He said that limestones, corals and other similar formations found there were ample proof that the area from Canada to Texas was once overrun by warm waters which, upon receding, left the country near tropical. That was 300,000,000 years ago.

Then came the ice age and ever since the climate has been alternately warming and cooling, depending on the whims of the Polar ice cap. United Press.

**Hunting, Fishing  
For Convicts**Sydney.  
Two men who went hunting, fishing and visiting a bootlegger when they were supposed to be in gaol were later assured of an extra month behind bars without those refinements.

John Mackie, 34, and John Wilson, 28, both of Reserve NSW, were sentenced to an additional month by Judge Eugene Parker who also criticised official of the Cape Breton County Gaol for running a "loosely operated" institution.

Mackie and Wilson were serving terms for excise act violations when turnkey Thomas Wells took them on a hunting and fishing trip and rounded it off with a visit to a bootlegger's. Wells was freed. United Press.

**The Real McCoy**Denver, Colorado.  
Patrons of bars in Colorado soon may be more certain of the contents of the stuff they order.

Secretary of State Homer Bruce announced recently that state liquor inspectors will be equipped with pocket testing sets to determine if whisky sold over the bar has been watered down with cheaper, weaker blends. United Press.

**Moscow  
Full Of  
Drunks**

London.

A British churchman just back from Moscow reported that he saw more drunks during a two-week stay in the Soviet capital than during a 17-year ministry in Britain.

Canon Mervyn Stockwood, writing in the Daily Herald, said prostitution is practically unknown in Moscow—in contrast to Britain—"but when it comes to drunkenness it's a different story."

"I saw more drunks during my fortnight in Moscow than I have seen during my 17-year ministry in a working class parish in East Bristol," Stockwood wrote. "I went to a smart night club and at least 20 people were revoltingly incapable. Again I was staying at a rather smart hotel but, I was eventually compelled to eat privately in my own room because I just could not stand people making themselves a nuisance, and even being sick at neighbouring tables, in the public restaurant."

**FAMILY LIFE**  
But Stockwood added that he wished "some of our free love experts and our enthusiasts for easier divorce would go to the Soviet Union."

"They would discover that family life is far more strictly guarded than in Britain," he said.

"Sexual puritanism and the desire to foster a healthy family is not limited to their newspapers, and the complete ban on literature and postcards. "Putting in public places is forbidden. If a boy begins to get the least amorous with his girl friend as he sits with her on the park seat, a policeman immediately blows his whistle and trouble begins."

"Prostitution is apparently unknown in Moscow."

The Daily Herald is publishing a series of articles by Stockwood. It said he would tell "frankly of all he saw." United Press.

**Telephonic  
Cure**

London.

Dr S. A. P. Smagoriet believes an excellent way to cure bronchial asthma is hypnosis, over the telephone if necessary.

The president of the Medical Hypnosis Association told a meeting at Orpington Hospital he knew of 65 people whose bronchial asthma was cured by hypnosis.

He said he often gave hypnotic treatment over the telephone. He cited the case of a 16-year-old girl who "telephones me at lunch-hour every Monday. I put her to sleep and give her treatment and she has no asthma." United Press.

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MAJOR-GENERAL E. S. B. Gaffney, GOC Aldershot District, shaking hands with RSM Ronald Brittain, Coldstream Guards, after presenting him with a clasp to his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. The Army's senior RSM is well known for his extra powerful voice, which has launched 30,000 cadets on an Army career. (Army News)



ACTRESS Nita Valerie smiles at her husband, jazz pioneer Peter Bernard, after their wedding at Marylebone Register Office. Bernard introduced Alexander's Ragtime Band at the London Hippodrome in 1912. (Express)

## • HOMESIDE PICTORIAL •



THE new Lord Mayor of London, Sir Noel Vansittart Bowater, acknowledges the cheers from the crowds as he drives to the Law Courts during the traditional Lord Mayor's Procession marking his assumption of office. (Express)



PRINCESS MARGARET, who is now busy with a new round of Royal engagements, visited the new cottages at Dr Barnardo's Homes, Wokingham, Surrey, the other day. She is pictured here with some of the girls living at the home. (Express)



PROFESSOR J. Robert Oppenheimer, master mind behind the first atom bomb, walks about London on his second visit unattended by the hordes of G-men who dogged his steps when he went to France and Germany in 1951. The Professor, who is now head of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton University, is in London to give the Reith Lectures for the BBC. (Express)



THE Duke of Beaufort (right), President of the British Olympics Association, chatting with Lord Luke at the annual dinner of the Association, held at Grosvenor House. (Express)



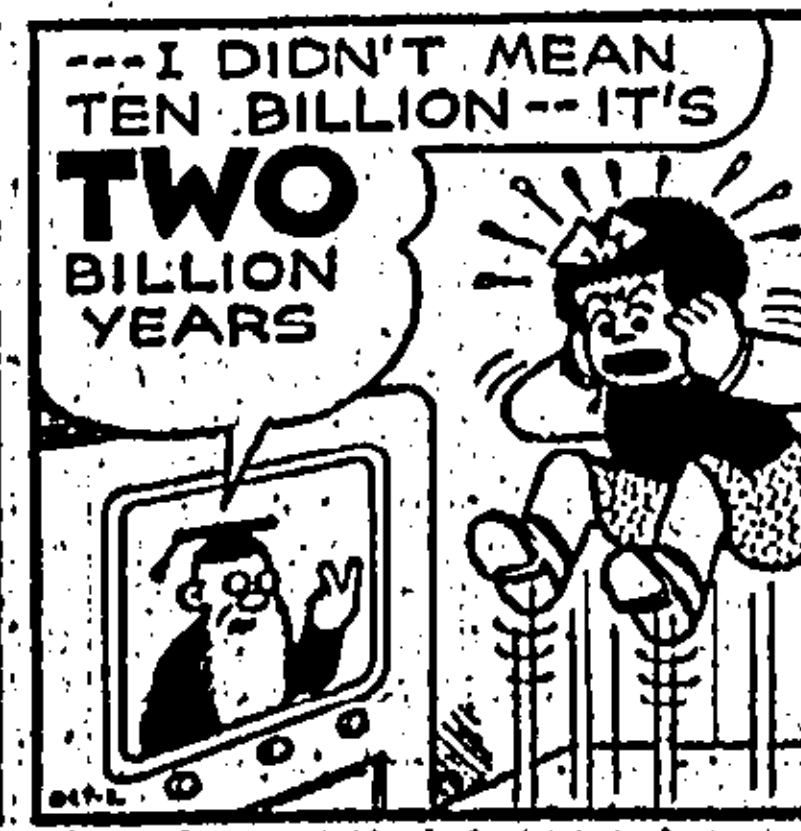
TOP-HATTED Mr Richard Haynes Twining, Deputy Chairman of the London Stock Exchange, gets a view through glass of the floor of the "House" from the newly-built public gallery. In front of him is a plan of the markets to help visitors follow what is going on. (Express)



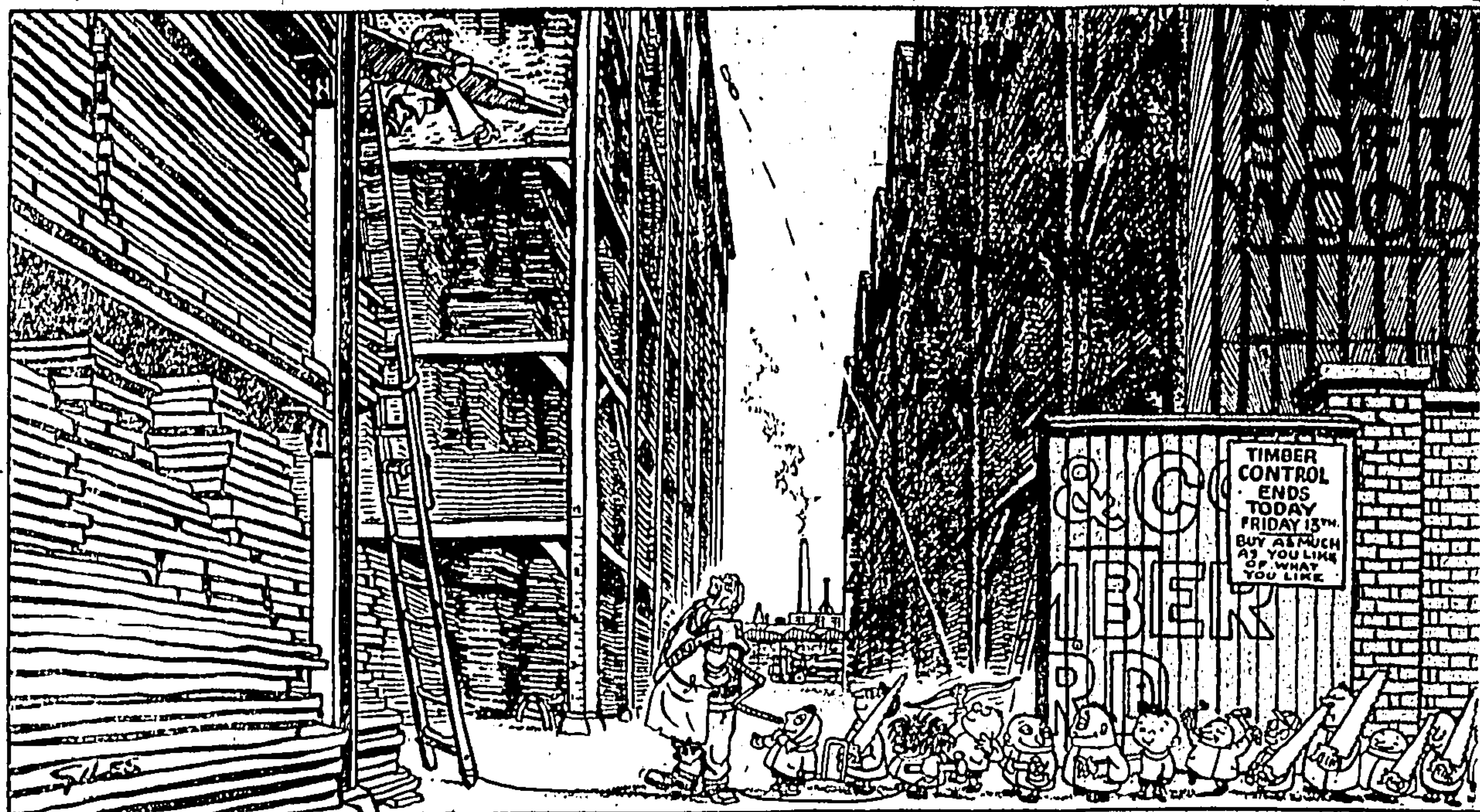
THE scene of glistening white at the Devil's Elbow, on the Cairnwell Road from Perth to Braemar and Aberdeen, now lying under its first snow of this winter.



### NANCY Time To Worry!







"While you're up there Harry—another one wants sixpenn'orth of best softwood cut off that third plank down with no notches." Repeat "no notches."

London Express Service

Behind the Mike: "Often a Mad Scramble"

# CAMPAIGN FOR MORE LIVE PROGRAMMES

By Margaret Pink

THERE is a mild panic in the studio, a last-minute frantic turning of pages of the script, a cough to clear the throat. Then the amber cue light flickers, the red light goes on—and a live programme from Radio Hongkong once again takes the air.

From then on, until the green light which marks the "all clear" replaces the red, we baffle anyone who coughs or sneezes or who makes any kind of noise, however slight, to interrupt the smooth presentation of the programme. Fortunately, interruptions are rare, and the normal programme seems to the listener as well-organised as traffic in a well-planned city.

The interviews are concise, and there are no awkward pauses; the feature programmes calmly presented; the plays nearly always have the professional touch. Everyone who takes the air from the practice-announcer to the young amateur actor broadcasting his first few lines, sounds assured and confident.

That, at least, is how it appears to the listener. But the behind-the-mike picture is a very different one. Life at Radio Hongkong has been described by the Controller of Broadcasting, Mr. Curtis Lindsay, himself as "often a mad scramble", and many a capable businessman would throw up his hands in horror if he was asked to make order out of the chaos that sometimes prevails in Electra House.

## Versatile Lot

IT is all part of the campaign to give Hongkong more live programmes, more programmes presented in Hongkong, for Hongkong, by Hongkong people. Where possible the programmes are written here—this applies particularly to those about the Colony itself—and people from all walks of life and of all nationalities have a share in their presentation.

For many of these people, radio work is merely a part-time job; for the actors and actresses, it is an amusing pastime; but for five full-time programme assistants under the Controller of Broadcasting it is serious hard work which can be either amusing or infuriating, and during the course of which they may be called on to perform all manner of mincey, and to cope with a full range of temperaments. Versatility is the catchword—there is no room for specialists in a radio studio which is still going through a stage similar to that of the BBC at Savoy Hill.

The average radio listener who hears an almost continuous stream of programmes from morning till night, and who at the best of times probably looks upon radio work as money for the proverbial jam, does not appreciate the immense amount of organisation which goes into the presentation of each and every programme, from the Colony's own station.

Presenting a local live programme is infinitely more complicated than merely relaying a "canned" BBC one. The latter only calls for someone to put the right record on the turntable;



"Wired for sound": Donald Brooks on an out-door assignment.

the former may call for the co-operation of almost every single person connected with Radio Hongkong, and a good many outsiders besides.

For behind each feature programme there are weeks of work; behind each talk and discussion there are days of research and preparation; behind each play there are hours of concentrated rehearsal, much of it with people unaccustomed to the microphone.

On an average, Radio Hongkong broadcasts for about 70 hours a week. Of this time about 10 hours are provided locally—one seventh of the total. And the number of live broadcasts is still increasing: since the end of last year the number of live broadcasts has risen from one to five, and the number of plays has shown an even more remarkable increase. From April 7, 1952 to March 28 this year 13 live plays (only two of them full-length) were broadcast here; since April 28 this year there have been 20, of which six lasted well over an hour, and many lasted 45-50 minutes.

This improvement has been made possible by a slight increase in the staff of Radio Hongkong. Even now, however, there are only five full-time programme assistants, who between them organise both the English and the Chinese programmes. With a few exceptions all the other employees, including the announcers and newsmen, are part-time.

## No Holidays

"FULL-TIME" for Donald Brooks, Aileen Woods, Patricia Rigge, Chow Nai-yeung and Eddie Au-yeung does not mean an ordinary eight-hours-a-day, forty-hours-a-week job, with Saturday afternoons and Sundays free for swimming and tennis. Their work demands their constant attention, for even if they are not always actively "on the air" they have to arrange programmes and plan for weeks ahead. They may, in a particularly busy period, have to put in a considerable amount of extra work and to give up their evenings and some of their holidays for the good of the cause.

Like journalists, indeed, they seldom have the public holidays, for most events of interest—St. John Ambulance review, the Queen's Birthday parade, Remembrance Sunday—happen then, and reports of events on

these days have a large listening public.

Let me list some of the programmes which can be heard regularly: there are two weekly programmes for children, a weekly news magazine for teenagers-and-over, a weekly book review and short-story, a weekly British Council programme, a weekly talk on music, a weekly discussion on Hongkong history.

On the musical side, apart from the regular "live" recitals, there is Record Review, which is a critical appreciation of new classical records; First Hearing, his brother in modern music; Hit Parade, based on the sales of new records; Top Tunes, a monthly index of the popularity of tunes as expressed in requests to Radio Hongkong; and last, but far from least, there are the ever-popular Down Memory Lane, which had its sixth anniversary earlier this month, and the equally popular Music Lovers' Hour, Radio Hongkong's recent oldest programme.

Particular emphasis is placed continually on entertainment for the Forces. There are four local request programmes during the week, and from time to time variety programmes are given in the studio, which have a special appeal to members of the Services.

## Local Talent

THERE is a conscious effort to bring as many local artists as possible into the studio. We have local singers, pianists and violinists, local bands, orchestras and choirs—not to mention the local actors (there are now over 100 on the Radio Hongkong books) who are perhaps the most enthusiastic of all.

Radio Hongkong also does its utmost to encourage local writers and authors to send in scripts, which might prove suitable for broadcasting. At least one local author—Ron Westcott—has been helped up the ladder to success by Radio Hongkong, which has accepted three of his plays for broadcasting. Shortly, too, a serial story by another local man—Jack Sheppard—will be broadcast in "Contact".

Then there are the 15 or 16 freelance enthusiasts who act as part-time announcers and readers. Some are civilians and others members of the Forces; their only common bond is a suitably pleasant and expressive voice. All of them are gaining their first experience of broadcasting, and their training, all done locally, adds to the work of the programme organisers and the Controller of Broadcasting.

## Radio Features

THE types of live programmes broadcast from Radio Hongkong fall roughly into six categories—features, discussions, magazine programmes, talks, music recitals and plays.

With the presentation of a feature programme to the public, apart from a few specialist individuals, has very little to do. At the present moment Radio Hongkong is doing a series of feature programmes on Public Utilities, here which can be compared to the BBC's "Focus" series. To date they have investigated the Post Office, Cable and Wireless facilities and the

Waterworks—the latter as recently as last week.

Where possible the Controller of Broadcasting likes to have a feature broadcast simultaneously on both the English and Chinese networks. In the case of the Waterworks, a team from each section—headed by Donald Brooks and Eddie Au-yeung respectively—started work on August 6 in preparation for the November feature. They interviewed the Acting Waterworks Engineer, and visited most of the waterworks sites in the Colony to get ideas for the programme.

## Cut A Third

GRADUALLY they put it together, and did "on the spot" interviewing at the most suitable sites—Typhoon This and Shuei Tai Pu—which they pieced together with their own description of what went on. The interviewing took 30 minutes of programme time and had to be whittled down by more than a third to fit into the allotted 50 minutes for the programme.

From the point of view of "sound" the Waterworks feature was perhaps not as intriguing as a previous one on tele-communications, when Donald Brooks spoke to a Norwegian sea captain 200 miles out to sea and interviewed him literally over the air.

Representative of the second group of programmes—the discussions—is the weekly "Talking About Hongkong", which Father T.P. Ryan, and Doctor S.G. Davis prepare themselves each week. Proof of the popularity of this type of programme is the fact that "Talking About Hongkong" takes

Radio Hongkong has its own book reviewing staff, and the books, which come from England, are farmed out to reviewers whose particular abilities befit them for reviewing any particular type of book. There is in fact, a panel of specialists who ensure the highest possible quality and the best possible presentation of each review or story.

Considerable emphasis is placed continually on sport, which has equal prominence on both the English and Chinese wavelengths. Brig Young presents his "Sports Review" every Thursday—a critical appraisal of the previous day's sport, with a forecast for the future every Sunday.

It is with the final type of live programme that the majority of ordinary people in Hongkong are perhaps most associated—the plays. At the present moment Radio Hongkong is in the process of compiling a casting book, from which all future radio plays can be cast. There are now 100 or more names in this book, and auditions are to be held about three times a year with the Stage Club, the Garrison Players, and the R.A.F. Kai Tak Players, with a view to augmenting this list.

## Not Simple

WHEN a play is chosen, and its cast and producer selected—either by Radio Hongkong or by the Society concerned—intensive rehearsing begins. Local actors and actresses have discovered that play-reading is by no means as simple as it sounds—every inflection has to be exaggerated in order that the right effect may be conveyed to the listening public, and the fatal impression of reading-



In the Studio: Hongkong Stage Club members do a radio play.

the air for the 50th time next Friday.

The only example at present of the "magazine" programme is the new "Contact", run by Rosemary Richards, which brings young people of the Colony into the studio to talk of their jobs, and keeps its listeners up to date on the activities of the various youth groups, together with news of young people abroad.

In every "Contact" programme part of a serial, "The Black Arrow" is read by a young RAF serviceman, Hugh Sullivan. Perhaps it would not be out of place here to mention the other story readers and book reviewers whose programmes take the air every week.

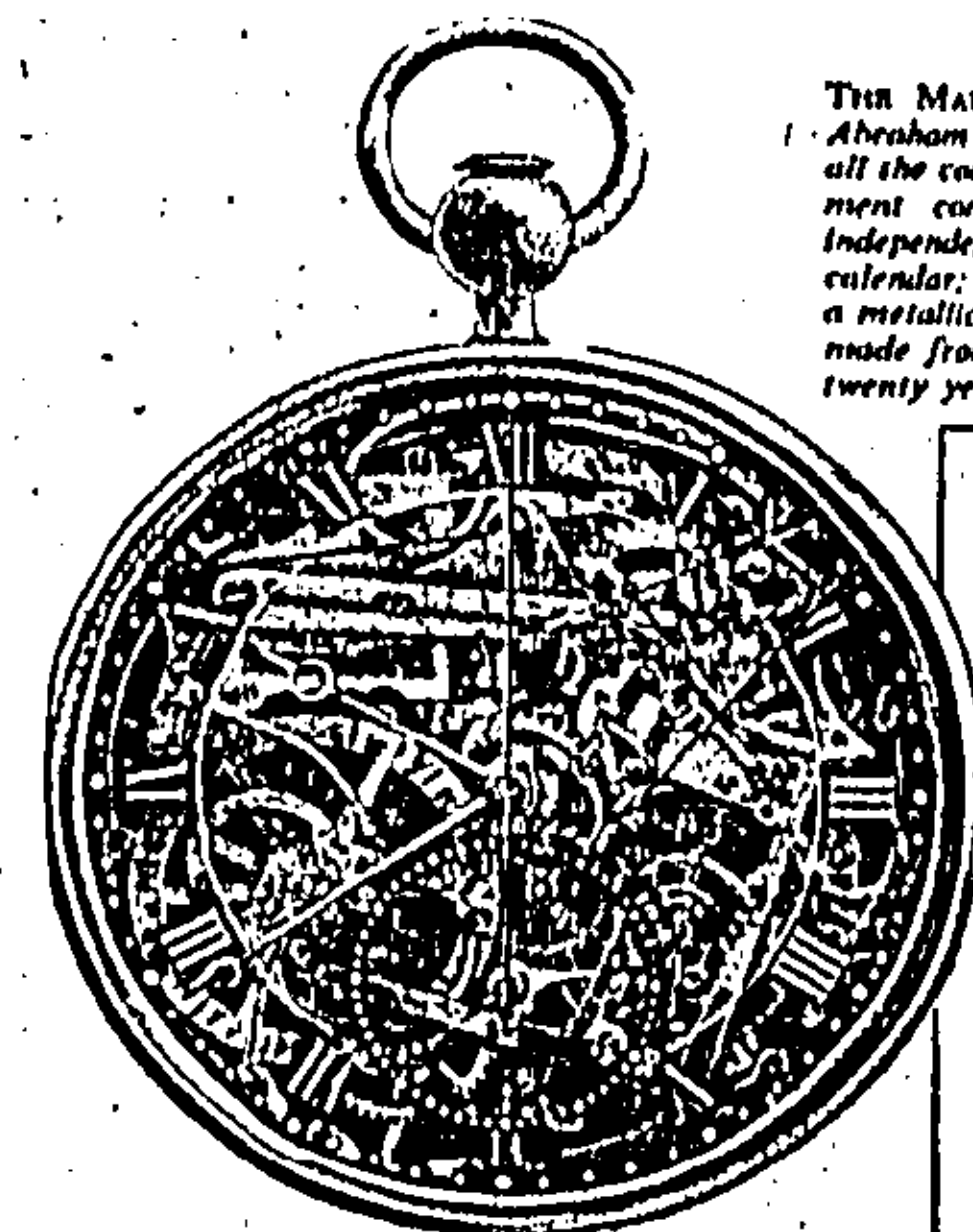
from a script must at all costs be avoided.

Actors may be called upon to turn themselves into chickens or dogs or even footstepers and pistol shots and innumerable other "spot" effects to suit every occasion.

Future plans at Radio Hongkong are for competition programmes in which various clubs and organisations can compete, and they are always open to any suggestions you, the listener, may have for its improvement.

In fact its chief complaint is that the listener, while he undoubtedly has his opinions and ideas, seldom takes the trouble to express them—to

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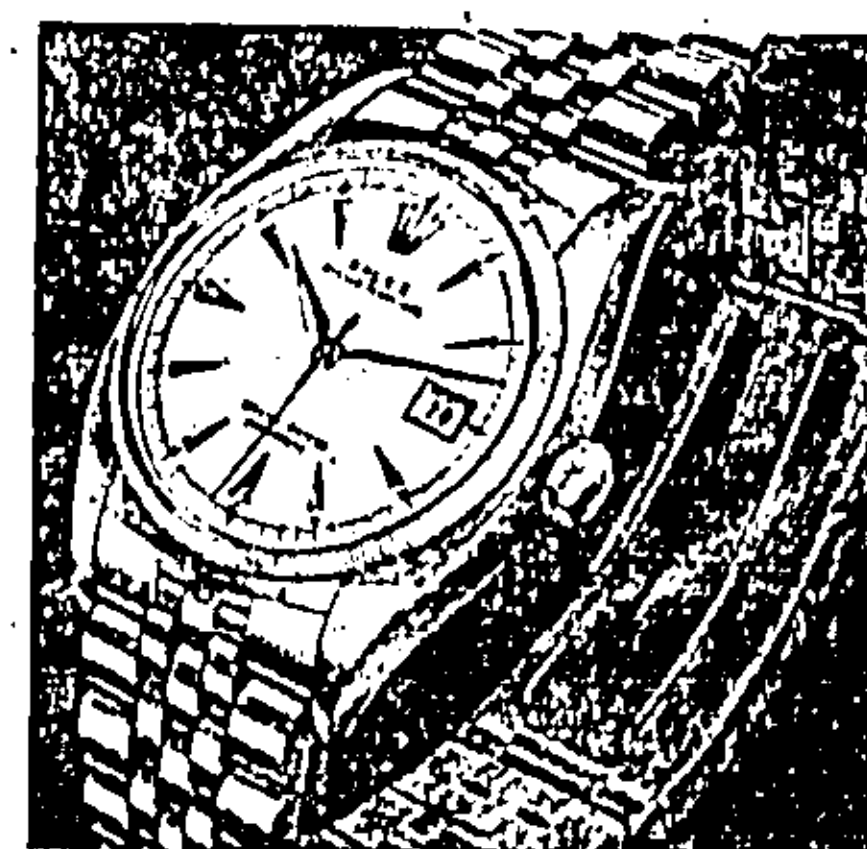
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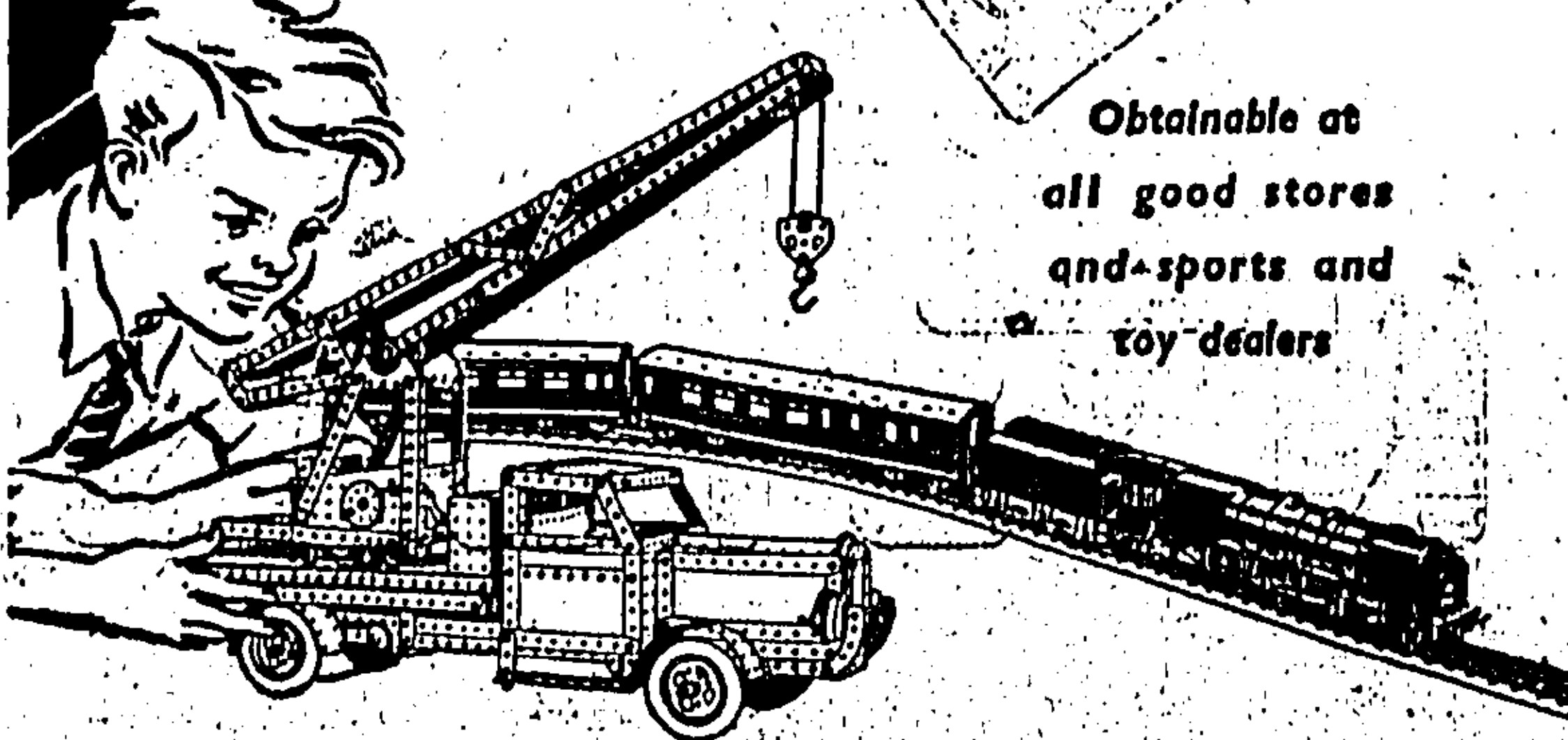
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# A CALL FOR ME AT THE DRAMA SCHOOL



Gregory Peck as Captain Hornblower. Below: The long Peck legs that once modelled long underwear



SOMEWHERE, in some little one-horse town in America, there must be a big department store mail order catalogue in which parts of Gregory Peck model shoes, shirts, fedoras (hats), and Heaven help me, underwear.

For in those lean days, when I was going to drama school, I had to earn money to keep myself, and I made most of it by modelling for photographers.

After a gruelling day in school I would go to a studio, and there in front of the camera would be given 50 articles to wear—top coats, sports jackets, ties, and, of course, long woolen underwear for the long Peck legs. I would dash in and out of the various articles of wear. The photographer would take literally hundreds of pictures, and I would collect a cheque for \$25.

I was one of the three men in tails and white ties admiring the girl who used Palmolive soap. Another \$25. I was the happy truck driver for an Edison Telegraph Co. public relations handout, waving goodbye to my "wife," and the "kids," going into the spotlessly clean garage in my neat uniform, and patting my shiny truck. I am quite sure that Edison do have a lot of work-people and that they treat them well. They paid me \$25.

At this period money, or rather the lack of it, was a constant worry. I was always scrambling for the odd dollar. I borrowed extensively, even from the people who ran the drama school. Later I paid it all back with grateful thanks to these people, strangers in my life, who helped me to make the grade, taught me the craft of my profession, and loaned me the money to help me to live.

### Ruptured Disc

During my school year at the school—they must have got fed up with my "subbing"—I was given a weekly ten dollars to keep me going.

I had a full programme at the school. I was studying acting, speech, dancing, history of the theatre, and taking part in one-act plays. It was while I was doing my calisthenics that I injured my spine. I was sitting on the floor of the studio bending my body and touching my toes with my finger-tips. Something went click. I had a frightful sense of pain and weakness in the back, and of course I had to go into hospital for X-ray and treatment.

They found that I had ruptured a disc in the spine, and for three years I had to wear a canvas brace. This put me out of the dancing and calisthenics class, and I concentrated upon acting and speech tuition. Later it was to put me out of the Army draft. I had two examinations at Grand Central Palace, Manhattan, in the spring of 1941 and six months later. The

doctors said: "You are definitely one of the people we do not want. If your trouble gets any worse it is liable to cost us 10,000 dollars in surgeons' fees."

I wore the support for three years. I don't worry me now, but I sometimes get a twinge if I go in for any exceptional exercises.

At one time in my career people paid eggs, tomatoes, spinach, and bushels of corn to see me act. It's true. And they didn't throw them on the stage, as you might be imagining.

It was in the summer of 1940. I had won a scholarship among the young hopefuls of Broadway to attend the famous Barter Theatre of Abingdon, Virginia. The audition took place in a Broadway theatre, and the 200 of us were allowed three minutes to do whatever we wished. Only one woman and one man could be successful. The judges were the most outstanding performers on the Broadway stage—that year it was Dorothy Siskney. I gave a speech from "Saturday's Children." It won.

And so I got a free railway ticket to Abingdon, Virginia. It is a very old town, as American towns go, with a little theatre-town hall that has seen the famous in the theatrical world. Bernhard played there, so did John Wilkes Booth, the man who assassinated Lincoln.

In the old days when the great ones of the stage toured America, Abingdon was a must in their itinerary. It was just like an old London theatre with a gallery from which you could almost touch the players.

In recent years, a Virginian, Robert Porterfield, has taken it over. His mission is to bring the theatre back to his people.

### Claim To Fame

Porterfield's claim to fame must surely be that he once bought the performing rights of the Shaw play "Arms and the Man" for a large, sugar-cured Virginia ham! That wasn't a bad one to put over the tight-fisted old vegetarian playwright. When I wanted to produce the same play some years later at La Jolla it cost me \$1,400 in hard cash.

The box office at the Barter Theatre is a laughable one. It has to be, because in addition to money, people can pay for their

seats in kind. That's why it got its name. There is a scale of alternative charges posted above the office-thatch. For a bushel of corn, a couple of dozen eggs, a basket of spinach, or a cottage cheese one could get a comfortable seat in the stalls.

A decent sized pig might guarantee a box for the season. After the show we whacked out the produce and took it home and ate it. We sold the corn. I got very tired of spinach and thought my most indifferent performance was overpaid in pork. The spinach growers seemed to have an outing one day, because we had spinach and eggs for breakfast, dinner and tea.

As I say we had our fares paid and we lived free, which meant that we were able to devote ourselves to performances that, as young unledged actors in New

York, we could only do in drama school. Here we were able to try out our immature Shakespeare on live audiences who paid to see us. Maybe my Hamlet wasn't quite worth the best, heart-rending ham, but the people paid cheerfully, and if they weren't enlightened, sometimes they were amused.

Tourists, of course, paid in dollars, and maybe they thought we really were hams! But to youngsters like ourselves, this was a rare opportunity to let ourselves go.

Stage-fright of the paralyzing kind is the worst thing that can happen to any actor. I had my first baptism of it during this tour.

Due to the illness of another actor, I had been given a big part in a play scheduled to be put on in a town 80 miles from Abingdon 24 hours later. In those 24 hours I had to try to get my sleep, load a truck with scenery, drive it 80 miles, set up the scenery in a school building, wire up the building for footlights, limes, etc., and learn a 102-page part which I had never seen before!

I was in a cold sweat. My companion tried to help by reciting the lines to me as I drove and making "na-na-na-na" them back. But I learned very little. It took me about five hours to unload and reset the scenery and fit up the lighting, and half an hour before the curtain I sat down on a box at the back of the stage in despair. I tried to recall the part but I could only remember the first line.

All sorts of mad ideas flashed through my mind. I would run

away, hop the first freight train, and Gregory Peck, the would-be actor, would vanish from the world of the theatre altogether. I could always get a job truck driving. I had a desperate idea of striding in front of the curtain and telling the audience the whole sad story. I almost prayed for a flood or an earthquake to wreck the theatre and make it impossible for the show to go on. I even toyed with the idea of suicide.

And all the time I sat on an empty beer crate at the back of that malignant curtain that would have to go up in half an hour and subconsciously I was making up for my part as an elderly man. We were playing a light comedy called "Button, Button."

A great friend of mine in the company clapped me on the shoulder. "Never mind, Greg," he said, "I'll be right there in the wings with the book and I'll feed you every line."

I was on right away. In the play I was the black-sheep of the family returning home after years abroad. The maid, the same one I had seen the last time I was home, was handing round biscuits.

I got off my first line: "Hello, Mollie, I hope your biscuits are as good as they used to be." And then I had a brainwave. I took a biscuit and slowly munching it I wandered over to the wings and got my next line.

Every time I dried up I took another biscuit and made the same walk to the wings. It showed up the play like a brake. But I finished the first scene, my line, and the biscuits, and I got back my confidence.

### Always Nervous

The play must have been awful for the audience. I mixed up the third and second acts. I stored my fellow artists with the wrong cues. And the audience got home very late. But the show went on.

I have never had such stage-fright again, but I always get nervous at the beginning of a picture. This, I think, is a good thing. It indicates that an actor is trying to give of his best.

I played seven roles in 12 weeks in Virginia and got a lot of valuable experience. For our last show, "Edward III," we let our hair grow and sprouted beards. There was a funny sequel to this. After the show we bundled into the bus, just as we were, for our two-day journey to New York.

We broke the journey at Washington, and it was here for the first and, I hope, only time in my life that I was thrown into gaol.

Being young actors—we were anxious to hear the oratory of our politicians and statesmen, and we trooped out to the Capitol building and queued to get admission.

Now don't forget that in our long hair and beards and our bohemian array of clothing—we looked a pretty queer lot. And just about that time the police had been having a lot of bother

with cranks who were agitating to keep America out of the war. We had to wait quite a while to get inside the building and my buddy, Ken Tobey, broke ranks for a few minutes. When he returned he naturally rejoined me in the queue.

A tough-looking cop came up: "End of the line, buddy."

"But..." began Tobey.

"End of the line," said the cop, when he protested again, seized him.

"Hey," I yelled, "you can't do that to my buddy."

"And you too," roared the cop, and we were frog-marched through the laughing crowd, just a couple of Shakespearean riff-raff. (No, I was probably not Edward III 38 hours before!)

I remember calling out as we were jerked along: "You can't do that to taxpayers!"—which was a bit fresh for a kid of 23 who wasn't earning enough to tax—and the cop said grimly: "Well, you own the gaolhouse, son, you'd better inspect it."

### Into Gaol

And so we were thrown into the little gaol below the American Parliament, and I marvelled as we cooled our heels for a couple of hours. Then along came a police lieutenant, heard our story, and let us out with the admonition: "Get out and stay away from here or you'll get to like it."

But the pay-off was the paragraph put in the newspapers by a reporter who interviewed us. "They claimed to be actors," he said.

I spent two years at the Neighbourhood School, and at the end of that time I took part in the grand performances of a play which would give each of us a part worth while. In the audience were the talent scouts of Broadway. From among us they might pick a lucky one who would be put on the way to stardom.

Next day we all sat round in the telephone call that would mean fortune. Apart from biting my fingernails I was in just as much a sweat as the rest.

### Guthrie McClintic

Ten o'clock, eleven, midday... then two calls. One was for me. A girl, I forget her name now, but she never made the grade on the stage, got the other. Mine was from Guthrie McClintic, husband of Katharine Cornell, one of our leading stage artists.

He asked me to see him in his office that afternoon.

These producers are gods to the young hopefuls of the dramatic schools. A request is a command.

Afternoon he bowed! I tore out of the school as soon as I dropped the telephone. For five blocks I ran up Sixth Avenue to his office over Radio City Music Hall. I was breathless when I was shown into the presence of the great man. I did the run in three minutes, which wouldn't have disgraced an athlete.

McClintic looked at me in amazement. "But I've only just put down the phone after talking to you," he said.

"Sorry, sir, but I am in a hurry," I gasped out.

McClintic grinned, and I think it was my eagerness as much as my performance that got me my first professional engagement.

Incidentally, the drama school play was a Russian drama which gave most opportunity to a number of players. My part was that of a card-sharp, I remember it, was not much of a part, but I had a moustache, wore fancy clothes, and smoked long cigars.

McClintic offered me a four-line part in one of Shaw's plays, "The Doctor's Dilemma." I had a tiny piece of dialogue in the last act. But I was probably the only one in that company for five months, during which time I understudied two leads. It was wonderful experience to rehearse big scenes with great performers.

People have asked me what it was like as a raw recruit from drama school playing opposite great actors and actresses. At first, naturally, I was nervous. But after the first moment I was quite happy and confident. The great ones radiate strength and confidence. They are the easiest to play opposite.

### Understanding

When we closed in San Francisco, Katharine Cornell rehearsed her next play. It was a lucky break for me because I was there for nine weeks playing "The Doctor's Dilemma," and opening the next play, I wasn't even on the stage in this, but I got 50 dollars a week for understudying two leads and acting as assistant stage manager.

There was one moment when I came close to taking over a big part. We were playing in Detroit. One of my jobs was to get the actors on stage in time. One night the leading actor was not in his place 15 minutes before the rise of the curtain. I telephoned him at his hotel, but there was no answer. It occurred to me that he was probably asleep so I raced out of the theatre into the bitterly cold streets of Detroit and ran all the way to his hotel, up the stairs, and burst into his room. He was asleep all right. I shook him, dragged him out of bed, and he scrambled into his clothes.

By this time it wanted five minutes to curtain rise. He just got on to the stage in time. That was about as near as I ever got to going on the stage in a big part during my career as an understudy.

It is strange how seldom understudies get on to the stage in the parts they have 'double-billed.' Perhaps it is that actors are so very conscious of the insecurity of their profession that they are reluctant to yield a chance to the newcomers. But it is a fact that success with an understudy is largely a matter of luck.

Understudying never gave me any chance on the stage, but luck has always played its part in my life.

### NEXT SATURDAY

Getting Married Though Broke — The Way to Hollywood

Hitler's brother thinks a new film discredits the family name—so CUMMINGS suggests an epic production to restore the Hitler reputation

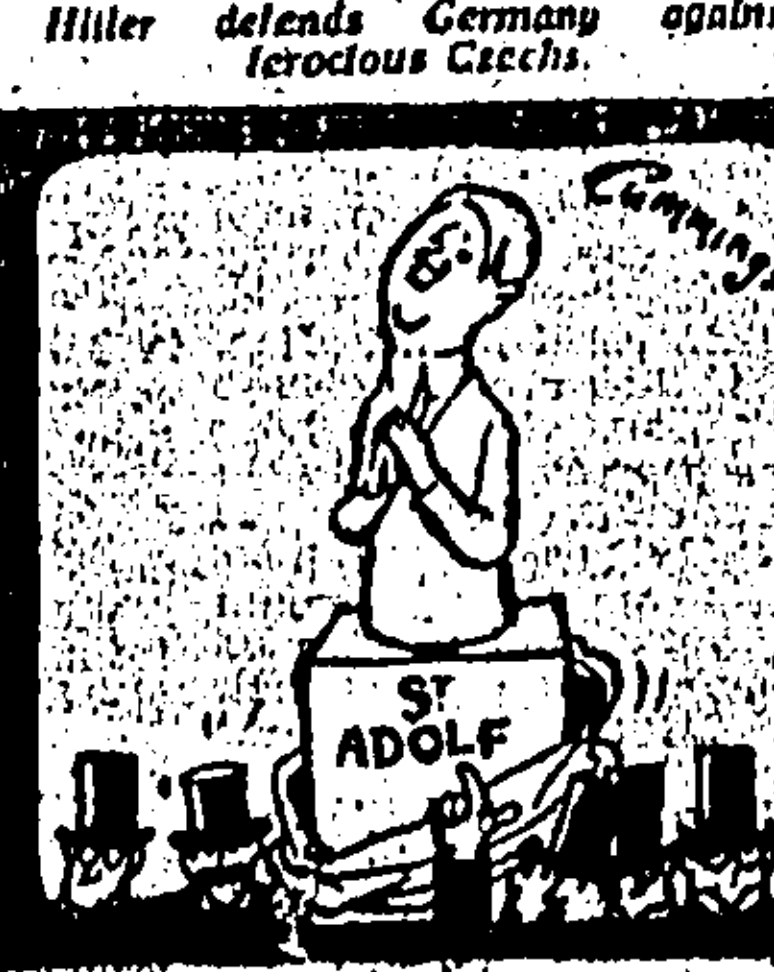
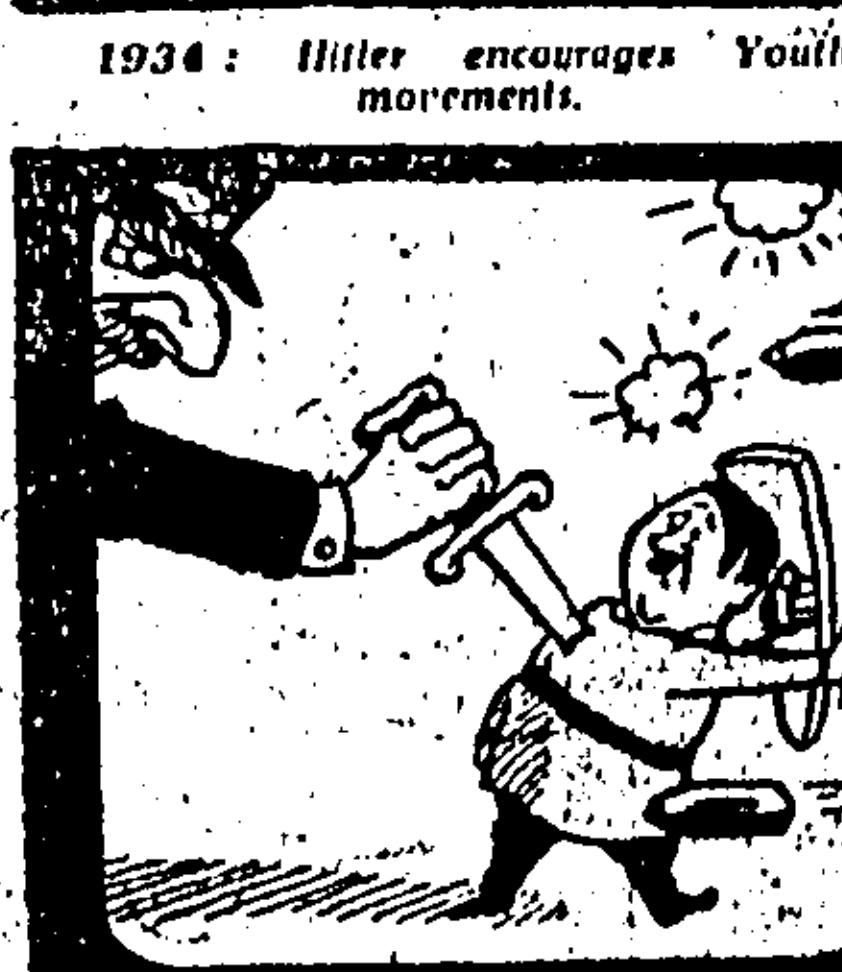
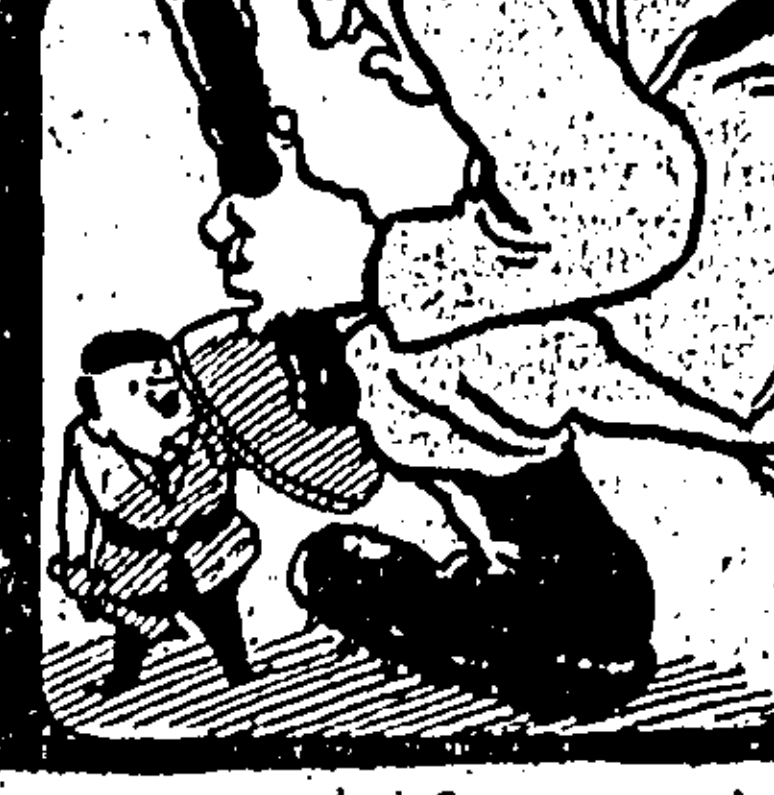


1934: Hitler encourages Youth movements.

1937: Hitler hung in Royal Academy and made an R.A.

1938: Cumming Chamberlain outlasts honest Hitler at Munich.

Hitler defends Germany against lewd Czechs.



1939: Chamberlain stands Hitler in back when "Poles" attack Germany.

Hitler departs, Gentiles and makes a self-governing State for Jews.

1945: Hitler tells of the head of his troops before the Eastern Barbarians.

1980: Hitler commends for his services to civilization. London Express Service



# AIRBORNE FORCES STRIKE AT ARNHEM

In order to get across the Lower Rhine an attempt was made to seize a bridgehead at Arnhem by the combined action of XXXth British Corps and of British, American and Polish airborne troops.

MONTGOMERY planned to drop the 1st British Airborne Division, supported later by the Polish brigade, on the north bank of the lower Rhine to seize the Arnhem bridge. The 82nd U.S. Airborne Division was to capture the bridges at Nijmegen and Grave, while the 101st U.S. Airborne Division secured the road from Grave to Eindhoven.

The XXXth Corps, led by the Guards Armoured Division, would force their way up the road to Eindhoven and thence to Arnhem along the "carpet" of airborne troops, hoping to find the bridges over the three major water obstacles already safely in their hands.

The preparations for this daring stroke, by far the greatest operation of its kind ever attempted, were complicated and urgent, because the enemy were growing stronger every day. It is remarkable that they were completed by the set date, Sept. 17. There were not sufficient aircraft to carry the whole airborne force simultaneously, and the movement had to spread over three days.

However, on Sept. 17 the leading elements of the three divisions were well and truly taken to their destinations by the fine work of the Allied air forces. The 101st U.S. Division accomplished most of their task, but a canal bridge on the road to Eindhoven was blown and they did not capture the town till Sept. 18. The 82nd U.S. Division also did well, but could not seize the main bridge at Nijmegen.

FROM Arnhem the news was scarce, but it seemed that some of our Parachute Regiment had established themselves at the north end of the bridge. The Guards Armoured Division of the XXXth Corps began to advance in the afternoon up the Eindhoven road, preceded by an artillery barrage and rocket-firing planes. The VIIIth Corps on the right



A popular wartime photograph of the author reading the news while waiting for the train at a Scottish railway station. Sir Winston Churchill will be 80 on Monday, November 30, and this event has prompted Beverly Baxter, MP, to write the tribute that appears on Page 13 of today's China Mail.

and the XIIth on the left protected the flanks of the XXXth.

The road was obstinately defended, and the Guards did not reach the Americans till the afternoon of Sept. 18. German attacks against the narrow Eindhoven-Nijmegen salient began next day and grew in strength. The 101st Division had great difficulty in keeping the road open. At times traffic had to be stopped until the enemy were beaten off.

By now the news from Arnhem was bad. Our parachutists still held the northern end of the bridge, but the enemy remained in the town, and the rest of the 1st Airborne Division, which had landed to the west, failed to break in and reinforce them.

The canal was bridged on Sept. 18, and early next morning the Guards had a clear run to Grave, where they found the 82nd U.S. Division. By nightfall they were close to the strongly defended Nijmegen bridge, and on Sept. 20 there was a tremendous struggle for it. The Americans crossed the river west of the town, swung right, and seized the far end of the railway bridge. The Guards charged across the road bridge. The defenders were overwhelmed and both bridges were taken intact.

There remained the last lap of Arnhem, where bad weather had hampered the fly-in of

munition, and the 1st Airborne were in desperate straits. Unable to reach their bridge, the rest of the division was concentrated in a small perimeter on the northern bank and endured violent assaults.

Every possible effort was made from the southern bank to rescue them, but the enemy were too strong. The Guards, the 43rd Division, the Polish Parachute Brigade, the 1st Airborne, and the 101st U.S. Division, in their gallant attempts at rescue, for four more days the struggle went on, in vain.

On Sept. 25 Montgomery ordered the survivors of the gallant 1st Airborne back. They had to cross the fast-flowing river at night in small craft and under close-range fire. By daybreak about 2,400 men out of the original 10,000 were safely on our bank.

EVEN after all was over at Arnhem there was hard fighting for a fortnight to hold our gains. The Germans conceived that our salient imperilled the whole western bank of the lower Rhine, and later events proved they were right. They made many heavy counterattacks to regain Nijmegen. The bridge was bombed from the air, and damaged, though not destroyed, by swimmers

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with demolition charges. Gradually the three corps of the Second Army expanded the 50-mile salient until it was 20 miles wide. It was still too narrow, but for the moment it sufficed.

Heavy risks were taken. In the Battle of Arnhem, but they were justified by the great prize so nearly in our grasp. Had we been more fortunate in the weather, which turned against us at critical moments and restricted our mastery in the air, it is probable that we should have succeeded. No risk daunted the brave men, including the Dutch Resistance, who fought for Arnhem.

CLEARING the Scheldt estuary and opening the port of Antwerp had been delayed for the sake of the Arnhem thrust. Thereafter it was given first priority. During the last fortnight of September a number of preliminary actions had set the stage. The 11th Canadian Corps had forced the enemy back from the line Antwerp-Ghent-Bruges into the restricted Brekens "island," bounded on the south by the Leopold Canal. East of Antwerp the 1st (British) Corps, also under Canadian Army command, had reached and crossed the Antwerp-Turnhout canal.

The problem was threefold: the capture of the Brekens "island"; the occupation of the peninsula of South Beveland; finally, the capture of Walcheren Island by attacks from east, south, and west. The first two proceeded simultaneously.

Brekens "island" defended by an experienced German division proved tough, and there was hard fighting to cross the Leopold Canal. The scales were turned by a Canadian brigade, which embarked upstream, landed at the eastern extremity of the "island," and forced a way along the shore towards Brekens, which fell on Oct. 22.

MEANWHILE the 1st Corps had slowly but surely advanced northwest from the Antwerp-Turnhout canal, meeting increased opposition as they went. The South Beveland isthmus was sealed off, and plans could be made for continuing the operations westwards towards Walcheren.

This hard task was undertaken by the 2nd Canadian Division, which forced its way westwards through large areas of flooding, their men often waist-deep in water. They were helped by the greater part of the 52nd (Lowland) Division, who were ferried across the Scheldt and landed on the south shore at Boerdijk. By the end of the month, after great exertions, the whole isthmus was captured. Meanwhile, the last pockets of enemy in Brekens "island" were being eliminated and all was set for the Walcheren attack.

The Canadian Army's success was an essential preliminary to four weeks of hard fighting, during which the 2nd Tactical Air Force, under Air Marshal Coningham, gave them conspicuous support, they took no fewer than 12,500 German prisoners, who were anything but ready to surrender.

The island of Walcheren is shaped like a saucer and rimmed by sand dunes which stop the sea from flooding the central plain. At the western edge, near Westkapelle, is a gap in the dunes where the sea is held by a great dyke, 30 feet high and over a 100 yards wide at the base. The garrison of nearly 10,000 men was installed in strong artificial defenses, supported by about 30 batteries of artillery, some of large calibre in concrete emplacements. Anti-tank obstacles, mines, and wire abounded, for the enemy had had four years in which to fortify the gateway to Antwerp.

Early in October the Royal Air Force struck the first blow. In a series of brilliant attacks they blew a great gap, nearly 400 yards across, in the Westkapelle dyke. Through it poured the sea, flooding all the centre of the saucer and drowning such defenses and batteries as lay within. But the most formidable emplacements and obstacles were on the saucer rim, and their capture had to be told there only in outline.

The attack was concentric. In the east the 2nd Canadian Division tried to advance from South Beveland over the connecting causeway, and finally seized a bridgehead with the help of a brigade of the 52nd Division. In the centre, on Nov. 1, No. 4 Commando was ferried across from Brekens and boldly landed on the sea-front of Flushing. This first wave was followed rapidly by troops of the 52nd Division, who battled their way into the town.

The main attack was from the west, launched by three Marine Commandos under Brig. Leicester. Embarking at Ostend, they sailed for Westkapelle, and at 7 a.m. on Nov. 1 they sighted the lighthouse tower. As they approached, the naval bombardment squadron opened fire. Here were H.M.S. Warspite and the two 15-inch gun monitors Erebus and Roberts, with a squadron of armed landing-craft. These latter came close inshore, and, despite harsh casualties, kept up their fire until the two leading Commandos were safely ashore.

No. 14, landing at the northern end of the gap in the sea-wall, captured the village of Westkapelle and drove on towards Domburg. No. 48, landing south of the gap, soon met fierce resistance. "Invulnerable" though the naval covering fire had been, a principal adjunct was lacking. A heavy bombardment had been planned for the previous day, but mist

prevented our aircraft from taking off.

Very effective fighter bomber attack helped the landing at a critical moment, but the Marines met much stronger opposition, from much less damaged defenses, than we had hoped.

That evening No. 48 Commando had advanced two miles along the fringe towards Flushing, but was held up by a powerful battery embedded in concrete. The whole of the Artillery of First Canadian Army, firing across the water from the Brekens shore, was brought to bear, and rocket-firing aircraft attacked the embankments. In the gathering darkness the Commando killed or captured the defenders. A next morning it pressed on and took Zouteland by midday.

There No. 47 took up the attack, and, with a weakening defence, reached the outskirts of Flushing. On Nov. 3 they joined hands with No. 4 Commando after its pitiful house-to-house fighting in the town. In a few days the whole island was in our hands, with 8,000 prisoners.

Minesweeping began as soon as Flushing was secure, and in the next three weeks 100 craft were used to clear the 70-mile channel. On Nov. 28 the first convoy arrived, and Antwerp was opened for the British and American Armies. Flying bombs and rockets plagued the city for some time, and caused many casualties, but interfered with the furtherance of the war no more than in London.

ANTWERP'S ordeal was not the only reason for trying to thrust the Germans farther away. When the 2nd Canadian Division, moving west into South Beveland, there were still four German divisions in a pocket south of the river Meuse and west of the Nijmegen corridor. It was an awkward salient, which by Nov. 8 was eliminated by the 1st and the XIIth Corps.

On the other flank of the Nijmegen corridor there was still an obstinate enemy, west of the Meuse, in a pocket centred on Venlo. Farther south the First U.S. Army breached the Siegfried Line, north of Aachen, in the first week of October. The town was attacked from three sides and surrendered on Oct. 21. On their flank the Third Army were 20 miles east of the Moselle. The Seventh Army and the First French Army had drawn level and were probing towards the High Vosges and the Belfort Gap.

The Americans had all but outrun their supplies in their lightning advances of September, and a pause was essential to build up stocks and prepare for large-scale operations in November.

\*The 1st Corps at this time was a remarkable example of Allied integration. It consisted of four divisions: English, Canadian, American and Polish.

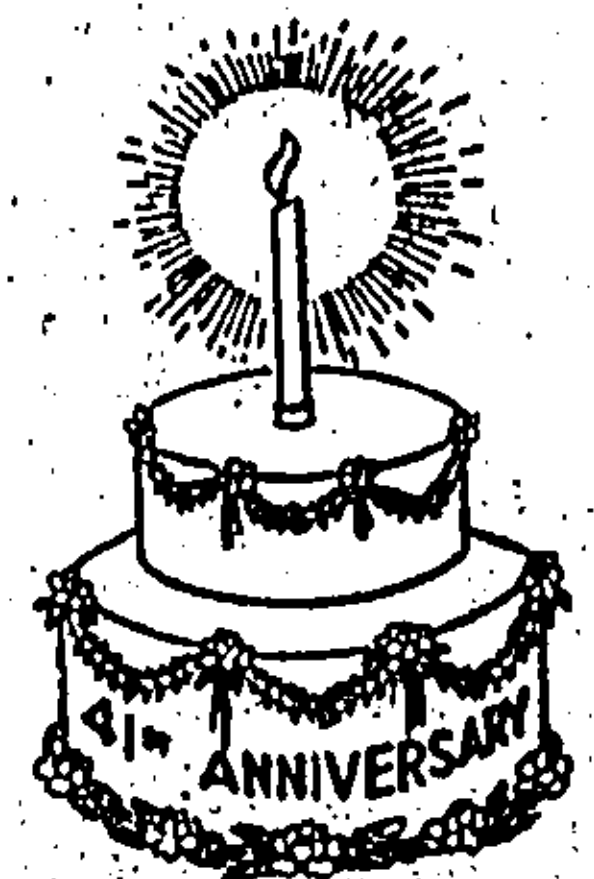
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## MALENKOV LAUNCHES A NEW SPY SCARE

By ROBERT FENWICK

BEWARE of spies and saboteurs; suspect talkative strangers; guard the glorious Soviet Union against wreckers and foreign agents.

These are some of the old Stalinist slogans now being launched again at the Russian people by Malenkov in his present "be vigilant" campaign.

On his orders, the Communist newspapers, popular magazines, specialist publications and radio talks are all warning against cloak-and-dagger men dispatched from the West to undermine the Soviet people's morale and collect information.

Here are some of the most recent examples of this nation-wide propaganda drive:

1. Komsomol'skaya Pravda, Communist Youth organ, in dis-

cussing three espionage novels written by Soviet authors, commented: "Georgi Briantsev's 'Secret Ways' for 'conclusively showing how Gestapo agents were re-trained for service in the Anglo-American intelligence service'."

"Secret Ways," the newspaper added, "unmasked the treacherous methods used by the imperialist agents nowadays in peace-time." It also stated that 30,000 copies of the novels were printed, "but this is a very small number in view of the tremendous demand for such works."

"Provocations"

2. Ogoniek, the popular Soviet illustrated magazine with a weekly circulation of 550,000, published a two-page article describing the organization of the American Central Intelligence Agency and its "provocations" against the USSR and its satellites.

Referring to the Agency's "network," it said: "Recently an espionage centre was unmasked in Poland. Its instigator was (the Polish) Archbishop Wlaskinsky."

It added: "Vigilance is the battle-cry of all the peoples of the democratic camp."

3. A 50-page booklet, "Vigilance of the Soviet People," published by the Soviet Society for the Propagation of Scientific and Political Knowledge, total of 200,000 copies devoted to teaching Russians how to fight imperialist agents and provocations.

Giving numerous examples of Soviet citizens gone astray, the booklet warned that any "treachery" against Soviet laws may lead a citizen to become a victim of foreign agents. These "treacheries" are one of their main weapons, together with money and wine.

It continued: "crime and espionage always go together," and asserted that citizens, who "shatter needlessly, and waste of their energies and are careless and forgetful" are also liable to help espionage agents.

The booklet stressed that it was dangerous to talk to strangers about anything relating to Soviet economy, transport, foreign affairs, the army, navy or air force, factories or government offices and organizations.

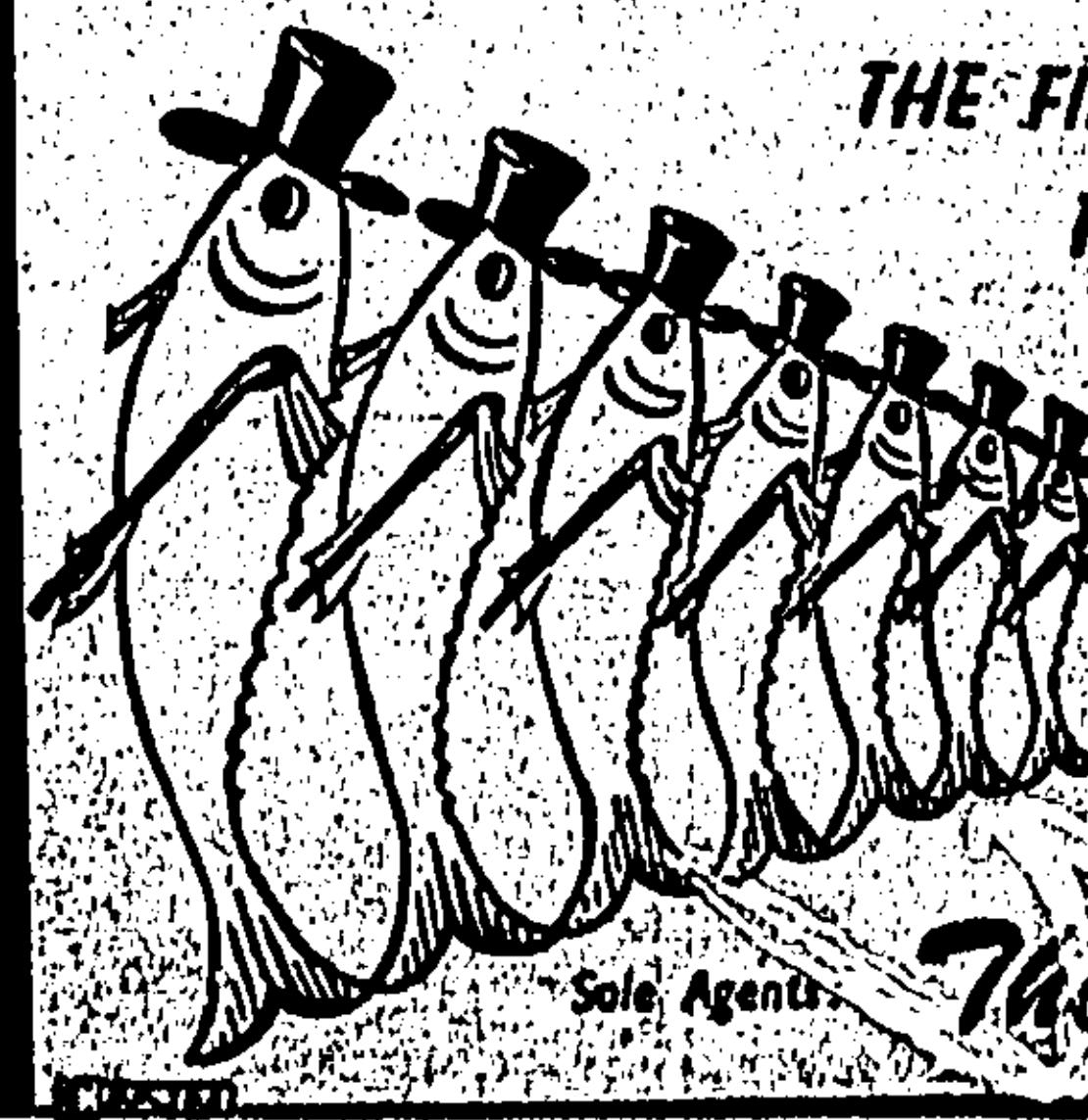
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4. Trud, the newspaper of the Soviet Trade Unions, devoted a full page to describing the adventures of one Gunther Eckstein, an East German who took part in the June 17 Berlin rising, escaped to the West, then returned to East Germany after two months.

The story was meant to provide first-hand evidence that the Berlin and East German riots were a "Nazi-imperialist provocation."

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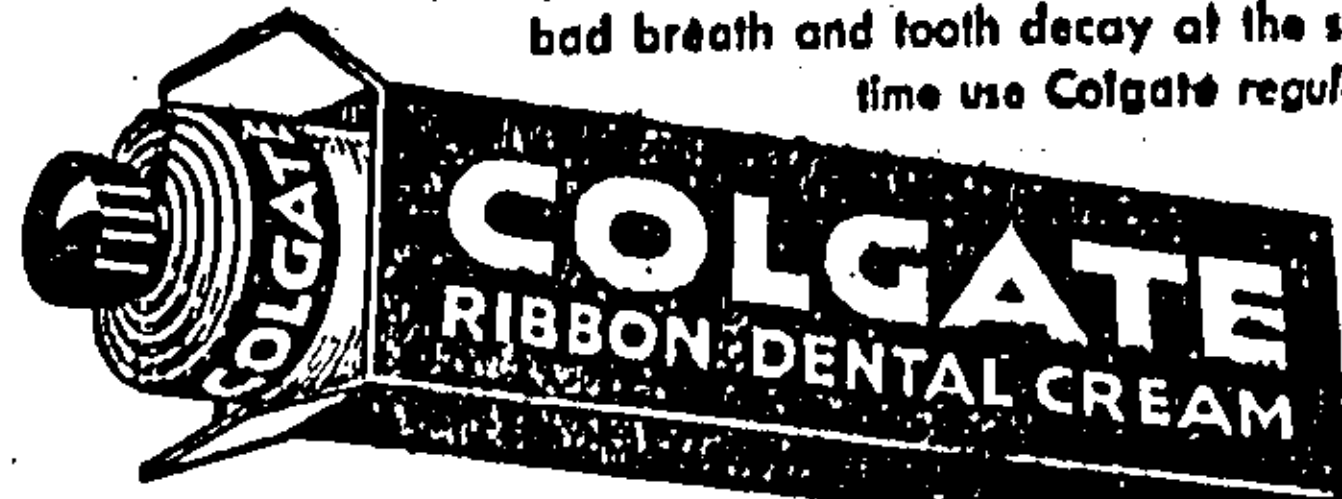
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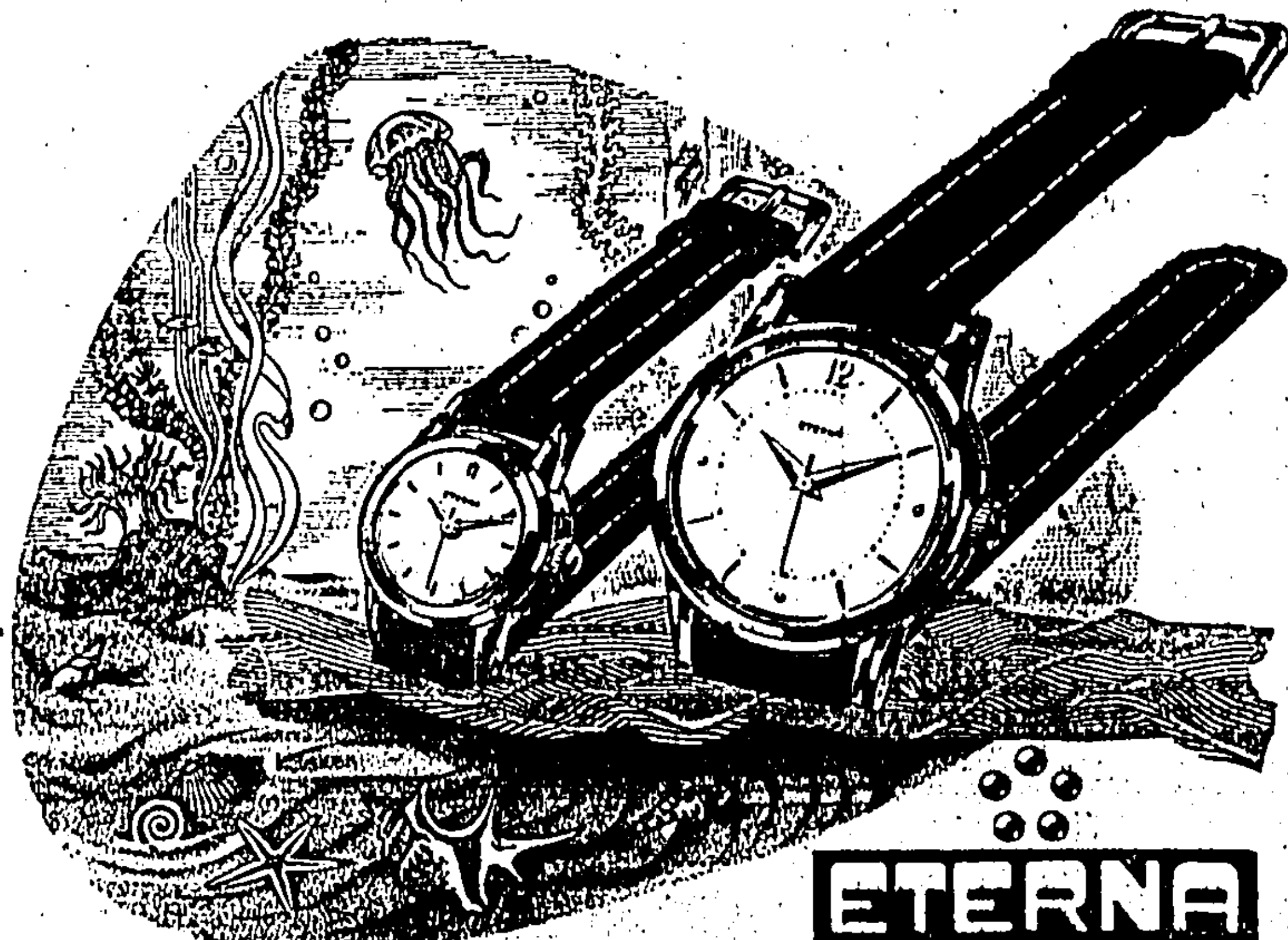
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## Bolivia's "China" Has Returned

By JACK COMBEN

La Paz, Bolivia. Her name is Carmela Cerruto de Paz Estenssoro; she is known as "China"; and hundreds of thousands of Bolivia's poor regard her as South America's second Eva Peron. She is the wife of Bolivia's President Victor de Paz Estenssoro.

In La Paz, Bolivia's capital, "China's" Social Solidarity Foundation is fast gaining a fame similar to that of the late Senora Evita Peron's Social Aid Foundation.

And there is a striking resemblance between the two women in that they both seem to have been inspired by the same ideals in battling for the poor.

Like Eva, "China" has a vivid dynamic personality and shapely figure.

However, unlike the blonde tresses of Senora Peron, her long, glossy hair is dark. And her nickname is due to her shade of so deep that at times it appears black.

"China" is 35 years old. So was Eva when she died in July, 1952. Both came from working class families. Eva was extraordinarily fond of her brother Juan who was found shot ten months after his sister's death. Carmela openly displays her fondness for her brother, Waldo, with whom she is staying in the La Paz suburb of Obreros.

She met her husband, who became President after the bloody revolution of April 1952, when she was a fifteen-year-old schoolgirl.

She recalled: "Even as a young man, Victor took his political beliefs very seriously. He taught me all he knew and I have always tried to help him."

Soon after her 18th birthday they married. A year later Miriam, now aged sixteen, was born. Their son Ramiro arrived in 1941.

When Paz Estenssoro fled to political exile under Peron's protection in 1947, "China" and the two children went along too.

She first met Eva Peron in Buenos Aires.

"While our husbands discussed politics, Evita and I made plans to help the poor. She was more fortunate than I for she had plenty of money at her disposal and could get everything she wanted," she told me.

When husband Victor became president of Bolivia after the April 1952 revolution, "China" called a meeting of wives of her husband's supporters in the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario party.

Within a month her "Social Solidarity" campaign was under way—with Carmela at its head. She and her friends canvassed La Paz business houses begging for funds, clothes and food.

They acquired an old lorry and toured mountain villages hardhit by the revolution.

A few months later, just before Christmas, she followed Eva's example again by canvassing local businessmen for toys, games and books for the workers' children.

Early this year, sick through nervous strain and over work, she collapsed.

Like Eva, Carmela had the best medical attention available in the country, without result. After anxious weeks she was flown to the United States. The exact nature of her illness was never announced, but Baltimore doctors said they were treating her for a nervous disorder. While in hospital she worried constantly about her welfare organization and its financial problems. She complained bitterly that the Bolivian government would not help her.

Last month she returned to La Paz, ostensibly cured. During her absence her Social Solidarity Foundation had nearly collapsed due to lack of cash.

During her absence too, there were wild rumours of marital trouble between herself and her husband. Husband Victor was—and still is—frequently seen out and about accompanied by pretty señoritas.

"China" did not return to the presidential palace. Instead she drove to brother Waldo's house where she is still living. The Social Solidarity Foundation gave her a big reception. Her husband was invited but did not attend.

A divorce is rumoured but friends deny it.

And "China"?

"I'm going to devote my life to the country's poor," she told me. "Somehow, from some where, I'll get the money to help those whose only crime is poverty."

## PARADISE, ALAS, IS NOT CHEAP



**BERNARD WICKSTEED, the Fun Finding Out man, is going round the world with the Queen. The first stop was Bermuda. Today he tells you what it is like where summer lingers**

**BERMUDA.** A three-bedroomed furnished house costs £25 a week, and if you have a maid she wants £5 a week and her keep and a private bathroom.

You would need £2,000 a year to live here without working. So paradise isn't cheap. Biting costumes are not allowed on the beach and women must not wear too short shorts. Four inches above the knee is the regulation length, and women visitors who go about in anything shorter than that may get a green ticket from a policeman.

The ticket has a notice on it suggesting that they have and change into something less embarrassing. About 600 tickets are handed out each summer.

All the houses in Bermuda have white lime-washed roofs. It is the law. The reason is that all the water drunk on the island is caught on the roofs and the lime helps to purify it.

**WHERE shorts must be long WHERE bikinis are barred WHERE goldfish are free**

**Speed limit** THE weather is lovely just now—like an English July of August, with the bathing beaches full. The sun has been shining all day, and the gardens are bright with sub-tropical flowers, as they are the whole year round.

There is no frost, no snow, no smog, no income tax, no death duties. No unemployment and no snakes. Until the war there were no cars either, but now they are allowed so long as they are not more than 14 h.p.

When the Queen toured the main island she drove in a 14 h.p. car like everyone else. The speed limit is 15 miles an hour in the towns and 20 miles everywhere else.

If you are caught doing 30 you have your licence suspended. Tourists are not allowed to drive at all.

The whole Colony is only about 20 miles from end to end and nowhere more than two miles wide.

**Good pay** THE coloured children are as clean and well dressed as the European. They all talk with a common accent that is a cross between American and the West of England.

If you are a shop assistant in this group of sunny coral isles you can earn up to £20 a week. Labourers earn £15 a week, and boys of 14 still at school make £5 a week doing odd jobs.

The rent of the cheapest houses for coloured or white is £2 10s. a week, and the cost of everything else is to scale.

**THE ATOMIC CHEF** ★ STRAWBERRIES and garden peas fresh on your ladder shelves months after they have been picked, though they have never been frozen or heated. Fish unspiced after months of storage in an ordinary refrigerator.

These possibilities are raised by a new method of sterilising food with atomic rays, now being tested by Government scientists.

After Dr Richard Hannan had assured me that such foods are not radioactive, I tasted a piece of beef which had been sterilised by an atom-smashing machine at Harwell.

It looked like a prime red steak before Dr Hannan boiled it. Apart from a slight beef-tea smell it was like fresh meat to eat.

As vegetable to go with the boiled beef I chose some atom-treated carrots. They were slightly soft, but otherwise palatable. I finished with black currants—they tasted fine.

Dr Hannan showed me salami sausage, prawns, and ham, reasonably fresh two and a half years after treatment. They had been sealed in transparent

plastic bags or aluminium tins, and put under the beam of an atom-smashing machine for about ten seconds. The rays immediately kill all the germs which cause decay.

Big advantage of atomic sterilisation over canning is that it cuts out heating, which overcooks many meat products. There is still much work to do before the process could be used commercially. But the scientists are looking forward to the time when cheap "frozen" sources of atom rays will be available in the form of waste products from atom furnaces.

**IT WON'T KILL YOU** ★ THE BELIEF that hard manual work never killed anybody gets strong support from a new Medical Research Council inquiry.

Doctors have found that men who do heavy work with their hands are only half as likely to die from heart failure as those in sedentary jobs.

They are also far less prone to severe appendicitis, duodenal ulcer and diabetes.

So the doctors suggest that insufficient hard physical effort may be one of the main causes of these complaints.

Gardening may be far more than a satisfying hobby. For desk-bound workers it may be a life-saver.

(London Express Service)

## POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Past!—you want a lovely new Constitution!"

## SHAKE-UP DIDN'T SHAKE 'EM

By Les Armour

London. THE sun shone brightly; bus travellers continued to talk about amog masks and Mrs Smith's baby.

It takes, after all, more than a War Office statement to startle Londoners.

Nevertheless, calculated on a mathematical basis, their prospect of survival had decreased a fraction.

The War Office announced, with appropriate caution, that a big shake-up is under way in the Anti-Aircraft Command. After the shake-up, the Command will have been pared to a minimum.

The change is a direct result of a "recent review of the air defence organisation in the light of changes which have taken place since the war."

But "changes" should probably have been singular.

The phrase refers, as the statement grudgingly admits later on, to the arrival of the guided missile.

In other words, the production of 2,000-mile-an-hour radio-controlled craft is a lot nearer to becoming a military fact than most of us thought.

Britain may lead the world in guided missile development. But potential enemies will not lag far behind. After all, the Russians produced an H-bomb only nine months after the Americans.

Thus two problems immediately emerge—one moral, the other geographical.

A target moving at 2,000-mile-an-hour is difficult to hit at best. When, as with guided missiles, the target follows a erratic and unpredictable course, anti-aircraft batteries become futile.

If the guided missile is beyond the control of anti-aircraft batteries, then, for the moment at least, attack is not only the best defence but the only defence.

Britain, however, is unlikely to lead an attack.

And a well-planned guided missile attack could easily be sufficiently devastating to make retaliation difficult.

The other problem, happily, is less complex.

It consists in the fact that Russian bases in Eastern Germany are only 600 to 800 miles from London. Western bases are nearly twice that far from Moscow.

For the moment, then, Britain is within range of Soviet missiles; the reverse does not apply.

Time and development will cancel out the geographical advantage, and defence tactics against guided missiles will almost certainly emerge.

In the interim, keeping the peace has become more vital than ever before.

By Frank Robbins

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## WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

## WOMAN'S PLACE IN THE HOME?

By ANNE HEYWOOD

"I WISH somebody would explain to me," one reader writes, "how in the world men come to the conclusions they do."

"I have been married for five years and have a three-year-old daughter. My husband is one of the old-fashioned kind who believes that woman's place is in the home."

"Our daughter is now in nursery school, and we cannot afford any more children. I am dying to get a job, but up to now have deferred to his very strong feeling against it."

## An Odd Thing

Recently, however, I have noticed a very odd thing. Much though he talks about not liking women who work outside the home, my husband invariably singles them out at cocktail parties or at the home of friends. I have tried not to be jealous, but he seems specially fascinated by one girl who has an antique shop, and another who does a book review column for our local paper.

"I'm a very good cook and everybody raves about my cooking, although I'm not particularly fond of doing it, but my husband seems to feel I have no talents at all."

"Isn't there any way I can make him value me more? After all, I'm a living example of the kind of woman he claims that he admires."

This is a variation of the age-old problem—the husband who won't let his own wife wear scarlet nail polish and crazy hats, but who flirts outrageously with the women who do.

## Must Value Herself First

First of all, I would say that this woman's husband is never going to value her for her cooking or housewifely skills for the simple reason that she doesn't value herself for them. I could "buy" us at the price tag we put on ourselves, and if her cooking is just a chore to her, even though she does it well, she is not going to get any particular attention. If it gave her a great sense of accomplishment, she would walk and behave like a woman who felt sure of her achievement; then she would get the attention she is seeking.

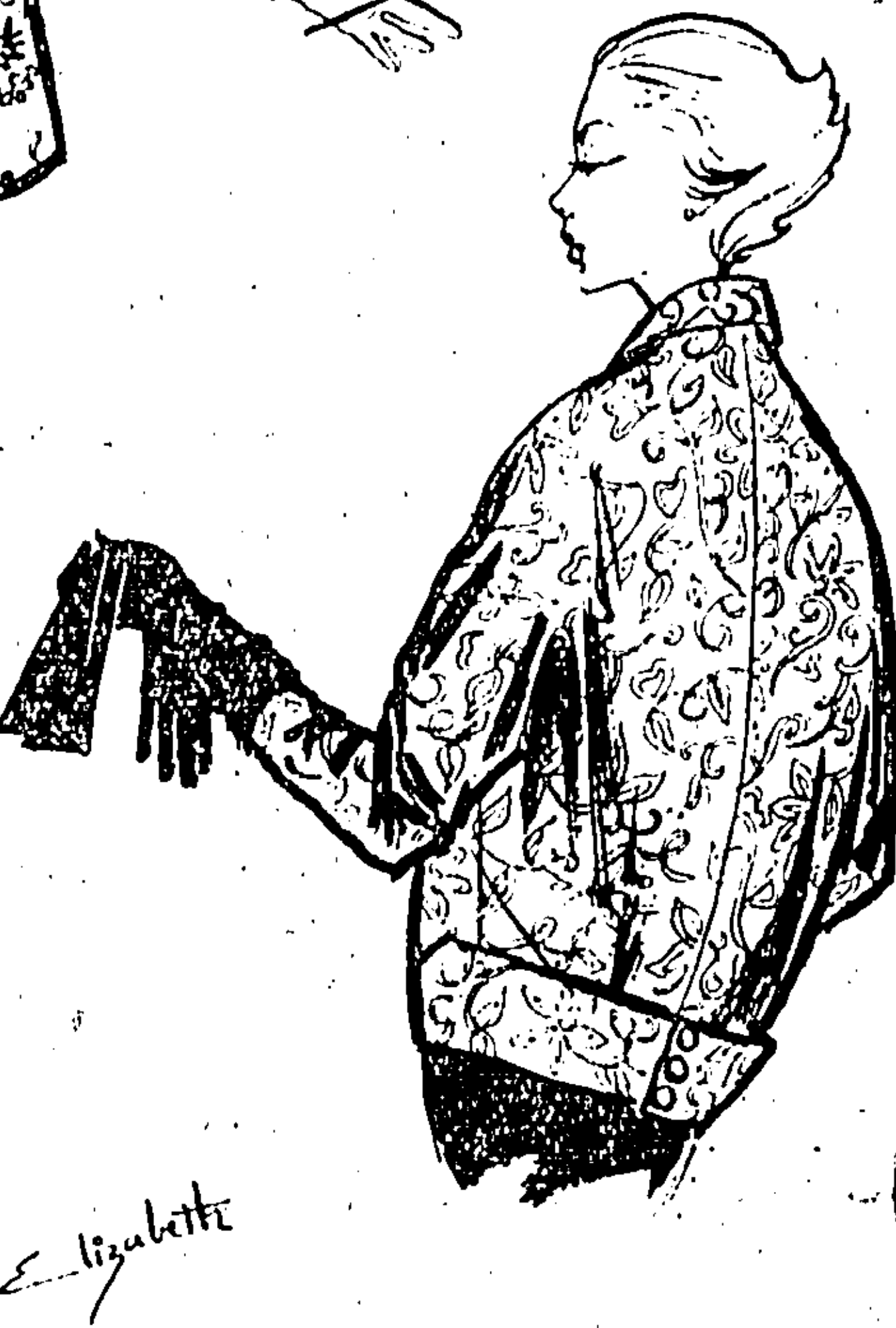
She doesn't say what kind of job she has been thinking of getting outside the home, but I would suggest strongly that she find one which greatly interests her, then ask her husband if he would agree to her taking it on a three-months' trial basis. The chances are that she would come alive and become so pleased with herself that he—no matter what he may say to the contrary now—will be equally pleased with her.

Nobody ever values us unless we value ourselves. The effort to please a husband by trying to do what he thinks he wants you to do, is always a losing proposition.



From Paris: Kimono in pearl-coloured satin encrusted with beads and pearls (Left).

From London: Fitted jacket in cream, blue and gold brocade. It has the new rounded shoulders, brazeled length sleeves and its back tapers down from the shoulders into a broad band on the hem.



## Relax And Enjoy Your Children, Educationist Advises

Chicago. MRS. Frances Horwich, a teacher with 3,000,000 "pupils," says that too many parents take their responsibility so seriously they don't enjoy their children.

"What's worse," she added, "the children can't enjoy their parents."

Mrs. Horwich is the "Miss Frances" of the NUC-TV "Ding-Dong School" programme for children of kindergarten age. She has received so many requests for her formula for getting along with the small fry that she's writing a book on the subject, called "How to Have Fun With Your Children."

"Having fun with the children is basic philosophy of living

and family life," Miss Frances said.

"It's the main achievement in life. What else is there, if you're going to be a parent, besides enjoying children and helping the children enjoy you?"

She urges parents to "relax—with good sense."

Mothers and fathers should, she said, look back to their own childhoods and remember those things which were happy or unhappy, to guide themselves in rearing the next generation.

Above all, parents must remember that children have all the feelings of grown people. "Big people sometimes forget that about little people," she explained.

Miss Frances said, parents should take a middle course in

teaching children to assume responsibility.

"If a child is told to pick up his blocks, it's a mistake to make him pick them all up alone. He soon grows discouraged and stops."

"But if the parent picks up all of them, the child learns he can shirk responsibility."

"The responsibility becomes fun, however, if he picks up half the blocks while the parent picks up the rest. Soon the responsibility becomes a habit and he picks them all up."

Miss Frances holds a doctor's degree in education and child development from Northwestern University. A native of Ottawa, O., she is 45 and has been in the education field for 22 years.

—United Press.

## Glamour For All Evening Occasions

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

LONDON.

THE evening jacket is something which fashion usually passes by. The same styles turn up in the same materials year after year.

But this season all that has changed. For the evening jacket has been rescued by designers in Paris and London, from its slough of despond. It appears in new styles, new materials. And it is rapidly becoming popular for evening occasions both with diners-out and stay-at-homes.

So popular, in fact, that it is being called the poor girl's mink. It is bought just as much for appearance as for warmth. And it brings glamour to a gala event.

## Canasta coat

Though the style varies to suit the occasion—it may be a canasta coat, TV cape, or theatre wrap—the material used is basically the same.

It may be a velvet embossed with spots of putty-coloured silk the size of dinner plates, like those on a pierrot's costume, or a rich brocade with a design like that on the famous willow pattern china. For casual jackets, printed corduroy and Paisley-patterned silks are first choice.

If there's a chance of your going to a regimental dinner in a chilly hall, or playing bridge in a cold parlour, you can fight off the draughts by making sure your evening jacket is in one of the new quilted cottons.

If, on the other hand, you are entertaining in the light of the tropic moon, then there are Indian silks criss-crossed with a gold thread, fresh white cottons and embroidered organzas from which to choose.

## Rich and exotic

The short kimono style is the evening jacket at its most elegant. One Paris design, which Elizabeth has sketched here, was carried out in pearls, coloured satin encrusted with beads and pearls. The resulting material was so stiff that the jacket could almost stand up by itself. It was rich enough to make a prince envious, and more exotic than the dress it covered. To go with it—the long cigarette holder, the plain dress with the hobbie skirt, and long black gloves.

The fitted jacket is the style which goes with the ballerina dress or the cocktail dress with the new short skirt. The jacket itself also has a new length—mid-way between waist and hips. The model Elizabeth has sketched is in a

cream, blue and gold brocade. It has the new rounded shoulders, brazeled length sleeves, and its back tapers down from the shoulders into a broad band on the hem.

The blazer is the version of the evening jacket which has been appropriated from our brother's wardrobe to go with the velvet drapings slacks. Naturally, it's made up in material with a blazer stripe and the particular one making news just now is the furnishing fabric, Regency striped satin.

For the dark sophisticated girl who goes in for colour, there's a kimono-styled jacket in Chinese red brocade scrolled with a silver leaf pattern. It's hip length and has a full back which looks best over a tight-fitting black evening dress.

## Something casual

For those who want something casual for evenings at home, there are jackets cut on the style of a man's shirt and worn outside the skirt. These have stiff collars and cuffs, and the correct three-inch split up each side seam. In fact, the only difference between them and a shirt is the length. These shirt-jackets are cut to the new length, mid-way between waist and hips.

To fit in with the mood for smarter evening wear, the everyday top coat has been glamorised. One such coat was in white brushed wool with a quilted lining of white silk. It went over a sheath dress of white wool lace.

And evening head-dresses have made the biggest comeback since pre-war days. But whether or not they'll be worn is anyone's guess. If the family strong-box doesn't run to a diamond tiara, then the next best thing is a "crown" of white ostrich feathers. Most fantastic head-dress I've seen is a white bird which perches on the forehead, bent down, tall up. Puzzle out yourself how it stays put.

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## Uncle Sam Makes Science Of Size

Washington. UNCLE Sam, worried about the appearance of the American woman, has come up with a scientific method for making clothes fit better with fewer alterations.

The Commerce Department has submitted the "scientific sizing" method to the women's wear industry, for criticism and approval, and there's a good chance it may be in use by the time you buy next autumn's clothes.

The department says the system does not mean that all women will be able to buy clothes or dress-making patterns which fit perfectly, but at least the bulk of alterations will be eliminated.

Now, for instance, there is one misses' size 14. Unless you are a "perfect" 14, alterations are needed. Under the department's system, you could buy any one of nine variations of the size, depending on whether your height is regular, tall or short, and whether your hips are regular, full or slender.

Department officials say it will eliminate a lot of troubles for women who now find themselves faced with the choice of buying a dress that is either too narrow in the hips, or too full across the bust. Teenagers will find it easier to buy dresses that fit their growing bosoms and hips but aren't too large around their cherished waistlines. And older women with that "middle-age" spread will find it easier to buy dresses that allow for that girth and aren't too big above and below it.—United Press.

## SHAPE IS EVERYTHING...IT'S THE BULGING TRUTH

By Ida Jean Kain

THIS season's clothes take on the shape of the figure—and that's no secret. The fashionable new line is fitted to the body from just under the bosom to the top of the thigh—a design to perfect the entire figure, according to fashion reports.

Hal One brush with this long-torso style brings a rude awakening to figure shortcomings. A couple of weeks back I enthusiastically pictured this flattering fashion doing wondrous things for us short-waisted girls. Then I tried on these high style numbers, in size 12. The blushing truth is that even holding my breath, my waist did not appear a willow-wand. Rather, this new direction line reveals every nuance of every curve, or bulge, as the case may be.

It's not the fault of the fashion, exactly. It can make

the waist appear incredibly small—if it is! And no doubt the entire midsection will be one long willowy curve. If your figure is silken slim and shapely, But I regretfully report the style does not whittle the mid-section measurement a whit, and works no slimming miracles on a 20-inch waistline on a girl who is just a whiff over 5 feet tall, stretched.

## ★ ★ ★

Since I generously point out the common figure faults neglected each season, I thought you'd enjoy hearing that your figure expert is out on a fashion limb, so to speak. Wonder how many calories come with "rattling crow"?

Here's the rhythm routine that will make for that one long willowy curve—and I'm talking it right along with you. Confession will prove good for my silhouette.

Position: Standing, feet slightly separated, arms down at

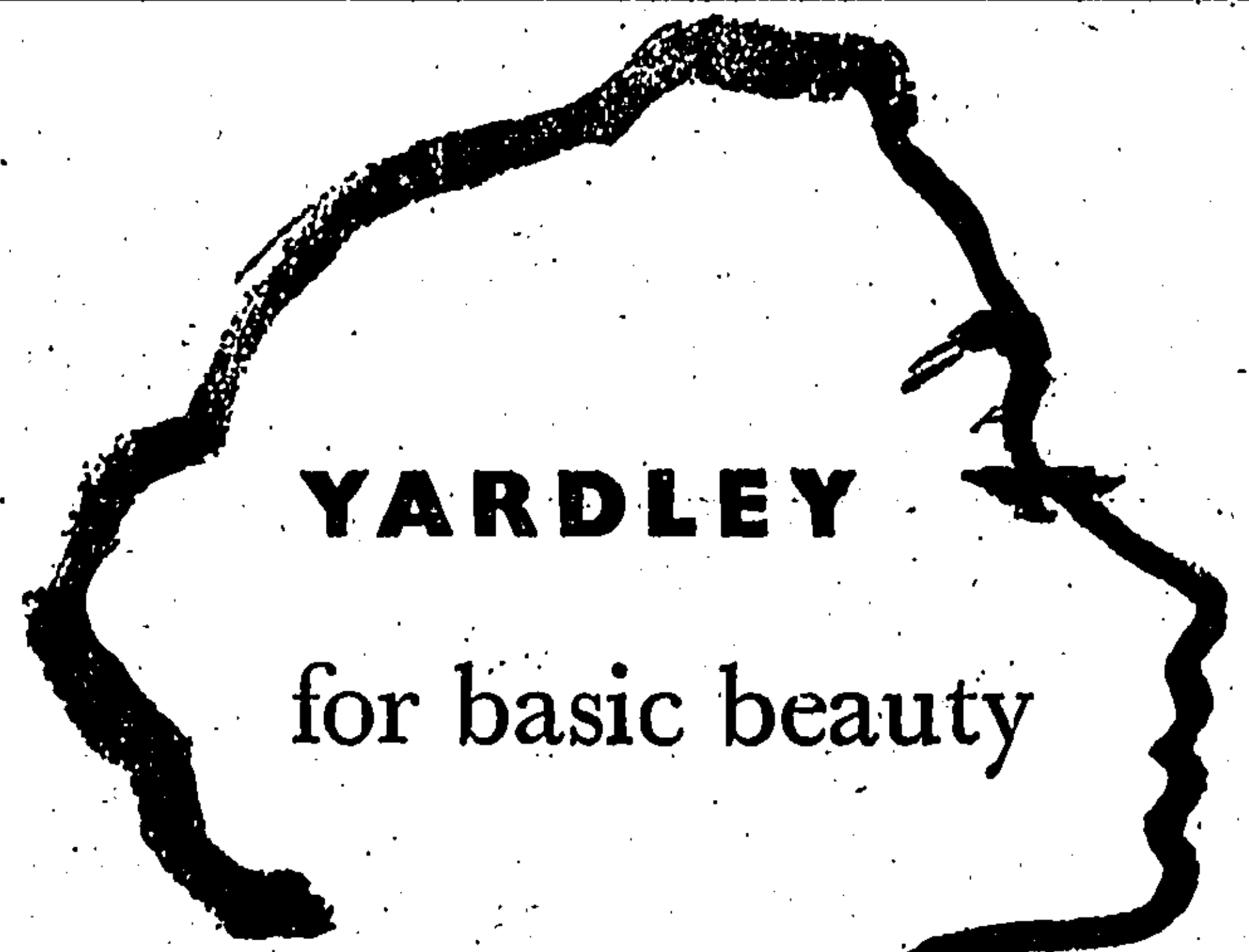


Be Silken Slim

sides. Action: Swing right arm up, move right leg back, touching toes to floor and push through the middle measurement—the one we're trying to make silken slim. Stretch with left arm and left leg. Repeat 8 counts, alternating sides, stretching smoothly.

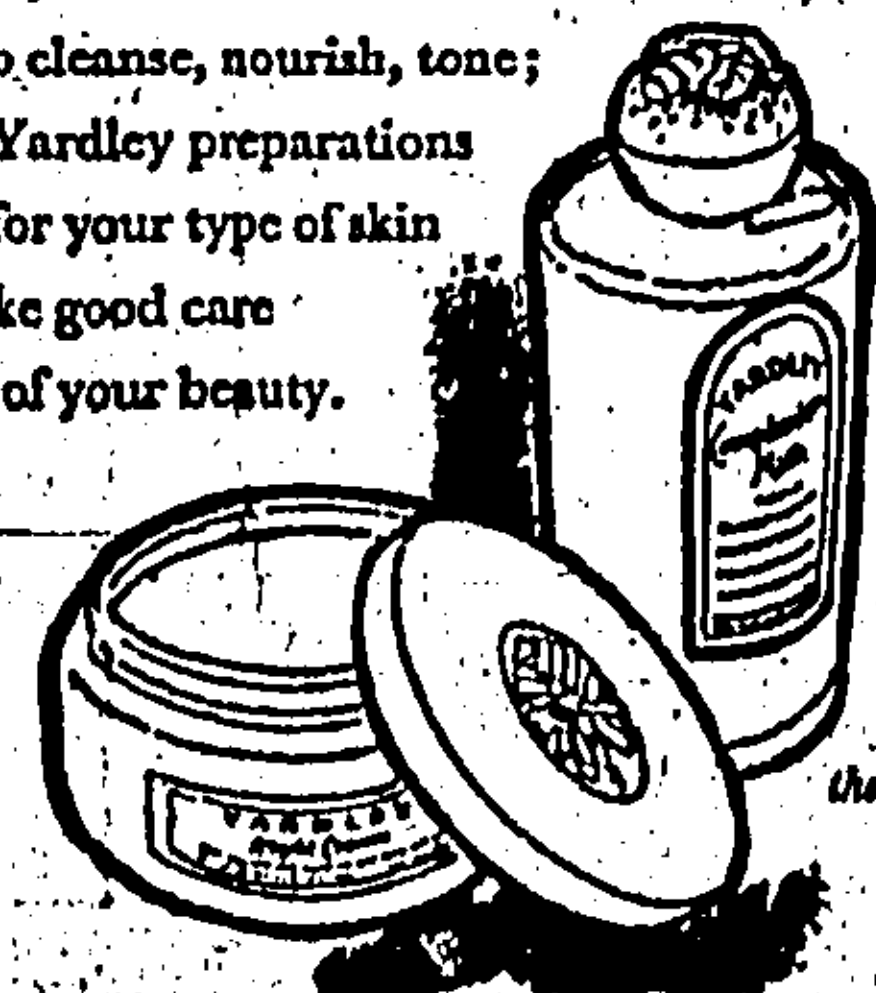
From same standing position, feet apart, arms arched overhead, add a smooth sidebend, bending only so far as comfortable. Come back to centre, bend to other side. 8 to 12 counts.

Turn on a dime and swing with the rhythm. Standing, feet wide apart, arms arched overhead. Action: Sway, loose and limber over to the right and, as you sway, let the right knee bend, sway away over, then swing the trunk up and over to the other side, this time bending the left knee. As you sway to each side, let one foot come almost off floor as you increase the side-bend. It's the most suppling exercise ever. My, I feel looser, slimmer already!



YARDLEY for basic beauty

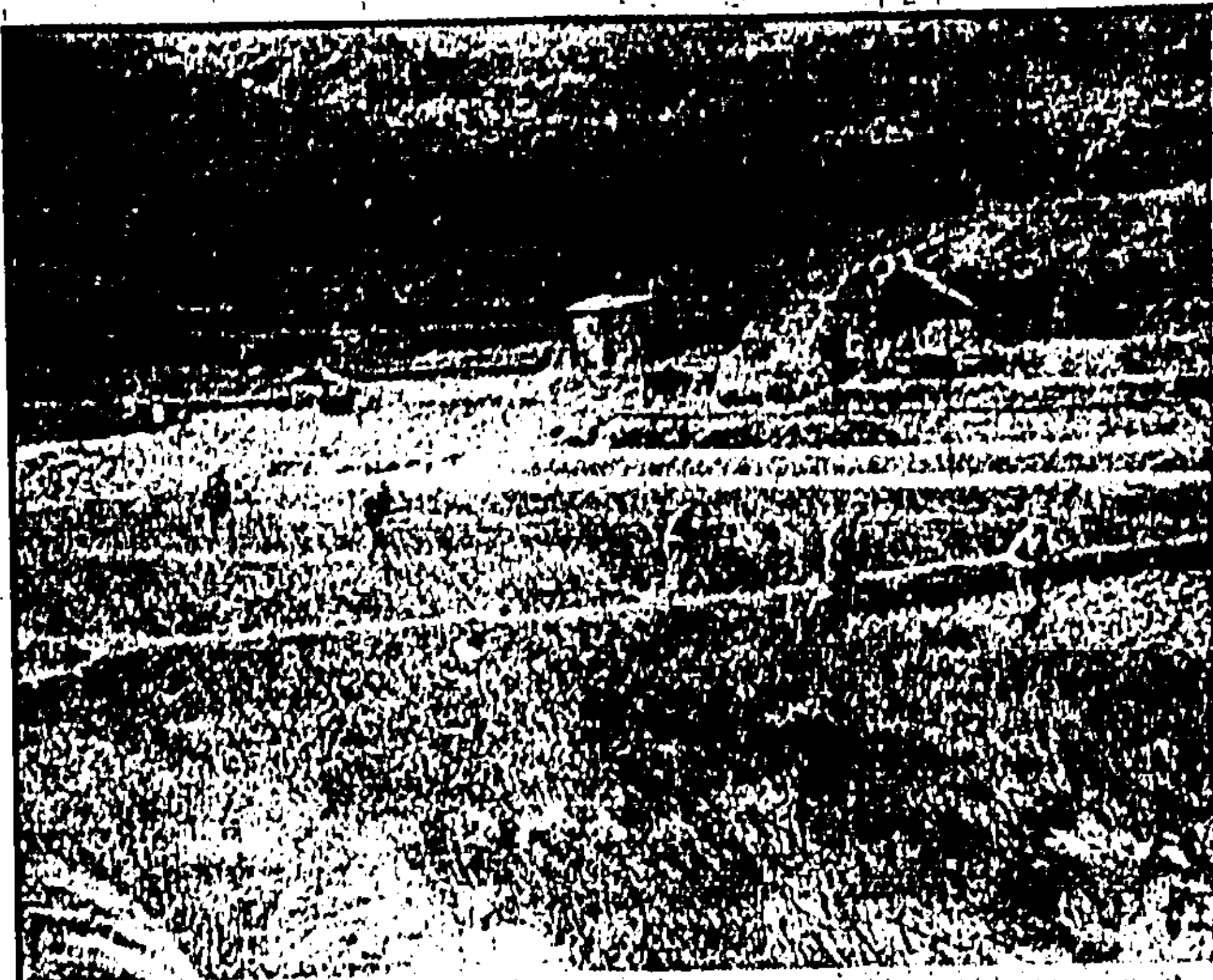
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HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, visited units of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force at their annual camp at Saikung on Monday. He is here seen talking to members of the Special Service Platoon of the Hongkong Regiment and the newly-formed Regimental Band. Corner picture shows personnel moving across country in an exercise. (Staff Photographer)

THE Rt Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, Mr G. E. Morden, Mr Fung Ping-fan and Mr D. Benson conversing at the cocktail party held at the Bankers' Club on Monday to launch an appeal on behalf of the new St John's College. (Staff Photographer)



MRS Fung Mo-ying, whose pony, Half Moon Bay, won the St Andrew's Stakes at the Valley last Saturday, holds the trophy presented to her by the Chieftain of St Andrew's Society, Mr J. McKelvie (left). On her left is the winning jockey, Mr Kenneth Kwok. (Staff Photographer)

MR Peter Alan Lee Viro, well-known Hongkong solicitor, and Miss Joy Alison Evelyn Mansfield were married last month at Upton Vale Church, Torquay, and the reception, where above picture was taken, was held at the Redcliffe Hotel, Paignton. Mrs Viro will join her husband here before Christmas.



RIGHT: Snapped at the cocktail party given on board the new Messageries Maritimes luxury liner, Cambodge, on her arrival last Sunday are (right to left) Captain A. Bergerot, Mr C. Leroux, Hongkong manager of the company, and Chief Purser M. P. Rebuffat. (Staff Photographer)

PRESENTATION of prizes by Mrs M. W. Turner at the conclusion of the Colony hardcourt tennis competitions last Sunday at the Chinese Recreation Club. Top: Ip Koon-hung, singles champion, receives his prize. Lower picture shows the schoolboys' singles champion, Francis Ma. (Staff Photographer)

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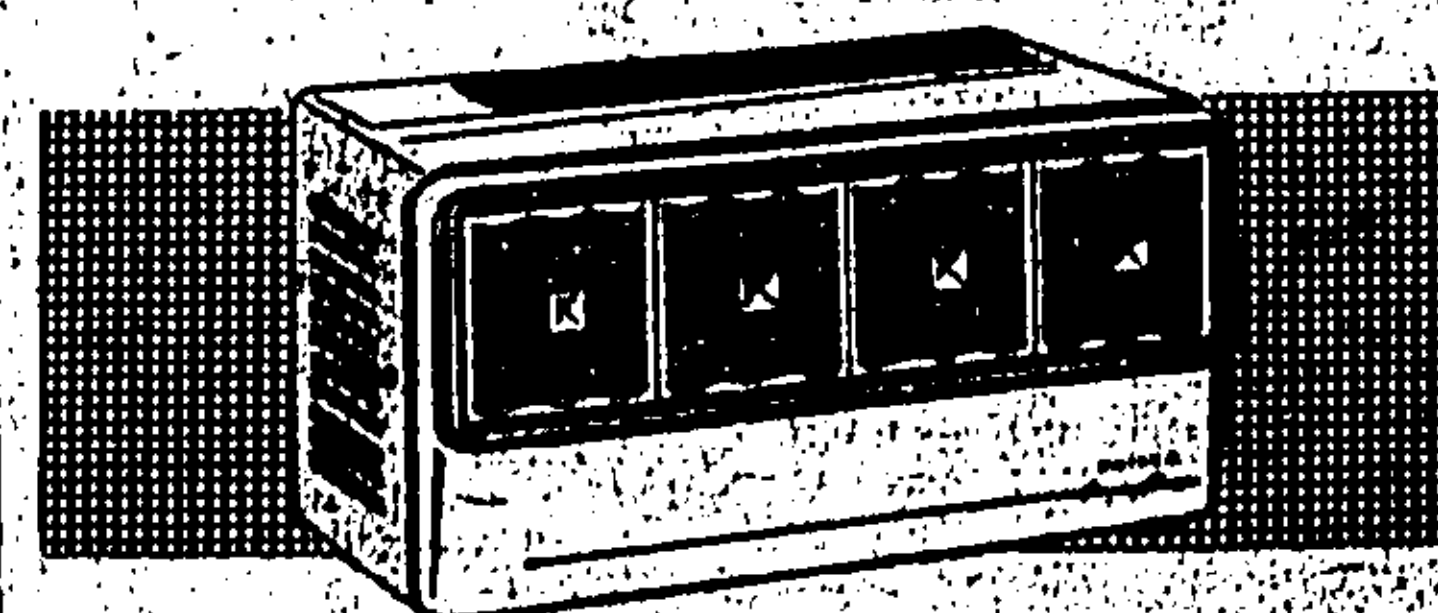


THE annual match between Royal Hongkong Golf Club members of St Andrew's and St George's Societies was played at Fanling last Sunday in excellent weather, and resulted in a win for St Andrew's. Picture shows those who took part. (Golden Studio)

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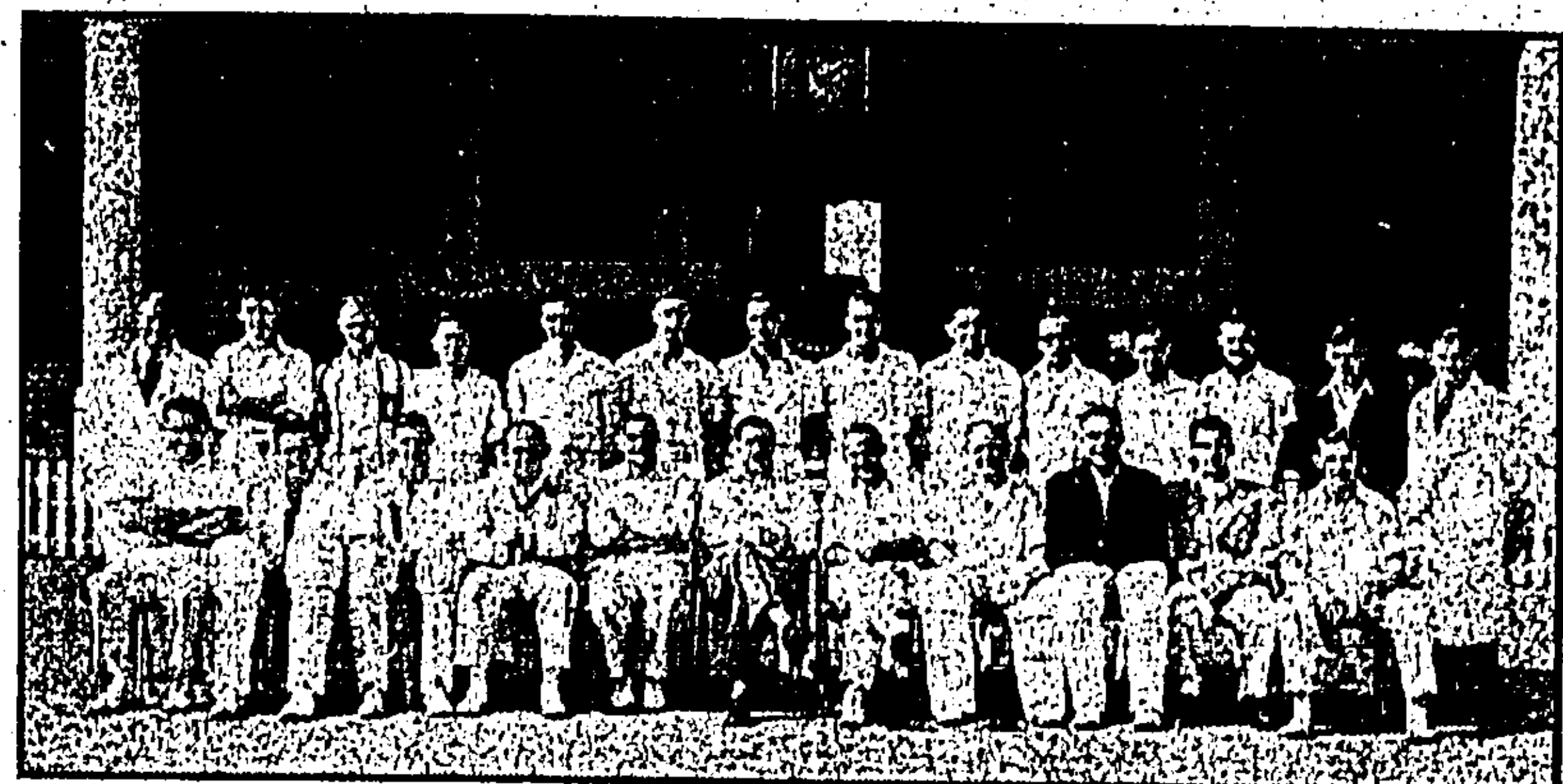
MR Derek Alan Wyatt and his bride, the former Miss Joan Barton, leaving St Andrew's Church after their wedding last Saturday. (Mayfair)

THREE school prizegivings that took place last week are depicted here. Top left: Mrs F. I. Tsung distributing prizes at the Hoop Yunn Girls' School. Lower left: Mrs J. Finnie at the Ying Wa Girls' School. Below: The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Bianchi, Catholic Bishop of Hongkong, at the Wah Yan College. (Staff Photographer)



MR and Mrs P. M. N. da Silva, who celebrated their Golden Wedding last Sunday, surrounded by their close relatives at the reception marking the event. (Willie's)

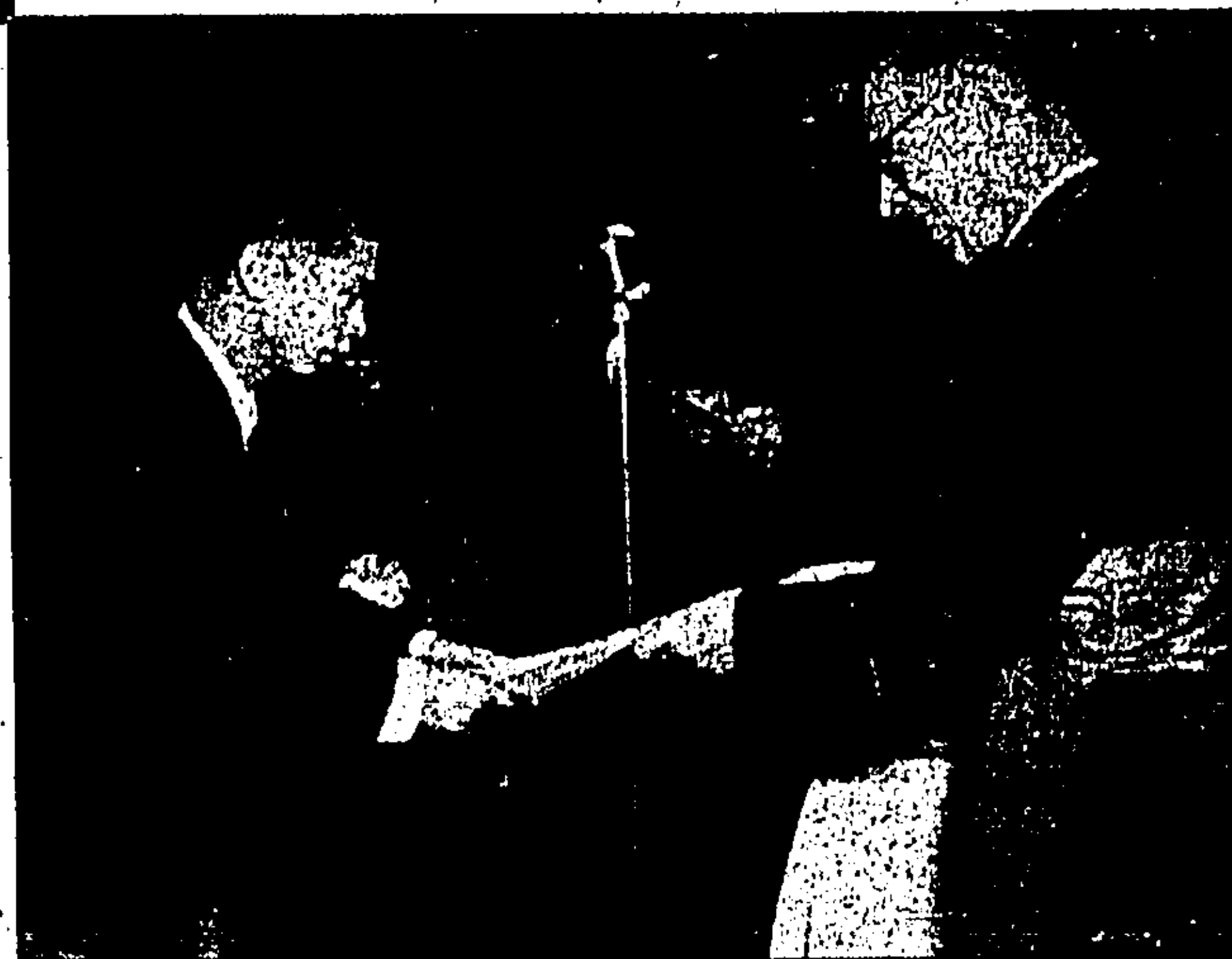
BELOW: Players representing England and Australia who took part in the Hazzard Shield "Test" last Sunday. England won. (Ming Yuen)



HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, trying his hand at the revolver range during a visit to the Special Constabulary camp at Aberdeen on Wednesday. (Staff Photographer)



MR D. L. Strollott wearing the insignia of a Chevalier of the Order of Orange-Nassau presented to him by the Netherlands Consul-General on Monday. Mr Strollott has been legal advisor to the Netherlands Consulate for many years. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Those who took part in the Scouters' preliminary training course (Chinese speaking) at the Branch Headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association. In charge was Mr Hon Cho Hay. (Chan's Studio)



PICTURE taken at the Kowloon Union Church last Sunday when Victor Ronald Wyle, three-month-old son of Mr and Mrs R. E. J. Wyle, was christened. (Willie's)



MR Donald Charles Symons and Miss Danuta Anna Madar pictured as they left the Rosary Church after their wedding last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)

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# PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

## YEAR-ROUND GARDEN

### Simplest Way To Keep Kitchen Immaculate

By ELEANOR ROSS

**YOUR** kitchen is not apt to need much extra planning in the special housecleaning effort. Kitchen cleanliness is so important that it has probably been getting thorough day-in, day-out care all year.

But with housecleaning on your mind, now is a good time to take stock, and see if the job is being done as quickly and effectively as you would like.

Perhaps the simplest way to be sure that every corner and crevice is getting its share of attention is to divide the chores into daily, weekly and monthly jobs.

#### The Daily Tasks

The daily tasks might include a good sink scouring with acids and very hot water. The range should be wiped with a clean, sudsy sponge after each cooking bout. This should be done after the stove cools, to avoid cracking the enamel. Soak stubborn, baked-on spots with warm, soapy water for a few minutes, then wipe off. Remove discoloration with baking soda, then wash with soap and water. Suds the drip pan. Wipe off the exterior of the refrigerator with a sudsy sponge, and, of course, clean up any spills inside as soon as they occur. Suds off all counters and work areas. Sweep floor and then mop it.

#### The Weekly Cleaning

Weekly tasks should include defrosting and cleaning the refrigerator, a really thorough job that includes washing the drip pan, and wiping off all jars and food containers. The range should get a weekly cleaning also, with

burners or reflector pans removed and placed in thick, hot suds for a scrubbing with a stiff brush. Burners and dry thoroughly before replacing. Wipe housing of pilot light with a soft wire brush, then wash with warm soapsuds. Make sure all is completely dry and properly connected before relighting. If oven has a greasy film, leave a bowl of soapsuds and ammonia in it overnight. Suds away the grime next morning. Place a soapy cloth over burned-on spots, then sprinkle with a few drops of ammonia and let dry. When grease is softened, scrub away with stiff brush and warm suds.

Give the floor a weekly wash with hot suds and rinses. Refine utility drawers with fresh paper. A good trick is to line each drawer with several layers of the time removing the top one each week as it is soiled. Pick up crumbs and dust from drawers. Suds off the linens of shelves that are in everyday use. Wash out garbage container with very hot soapsuds and rinse with scalding hot water. If kept lined with wax bags, weekly washing is usually enough.

#### Once A Month

When it comes to the monthly tasks, laundry curtains and wash windows. Also dust, wash walls, woodwork and cabinet doors with soap and water. Remove contents from high cupboards and suds out shelves. Utility drawers should receive a soapsuds sponging, then be dried and relined. With this plan, the kitchen is kept immaculate as befits its importance, and there should be no need for a big seasonal overhaul.

### To Brighten Your Party Menu

By ALICE DENHOFF

**WE** went to a party and came away with a lot of new ideas for pretty and tasty appetisers, all the work of a young wife who thoroughly enjoys her home.

"Firecrackers" made a hit, and to make these, spread thin slices of baked ham with prepared mustard, then with a mixture of cream cheese and crushed pineapple. Roll tightly. Place strip

of green pepper in one end of each to represent the fuse.

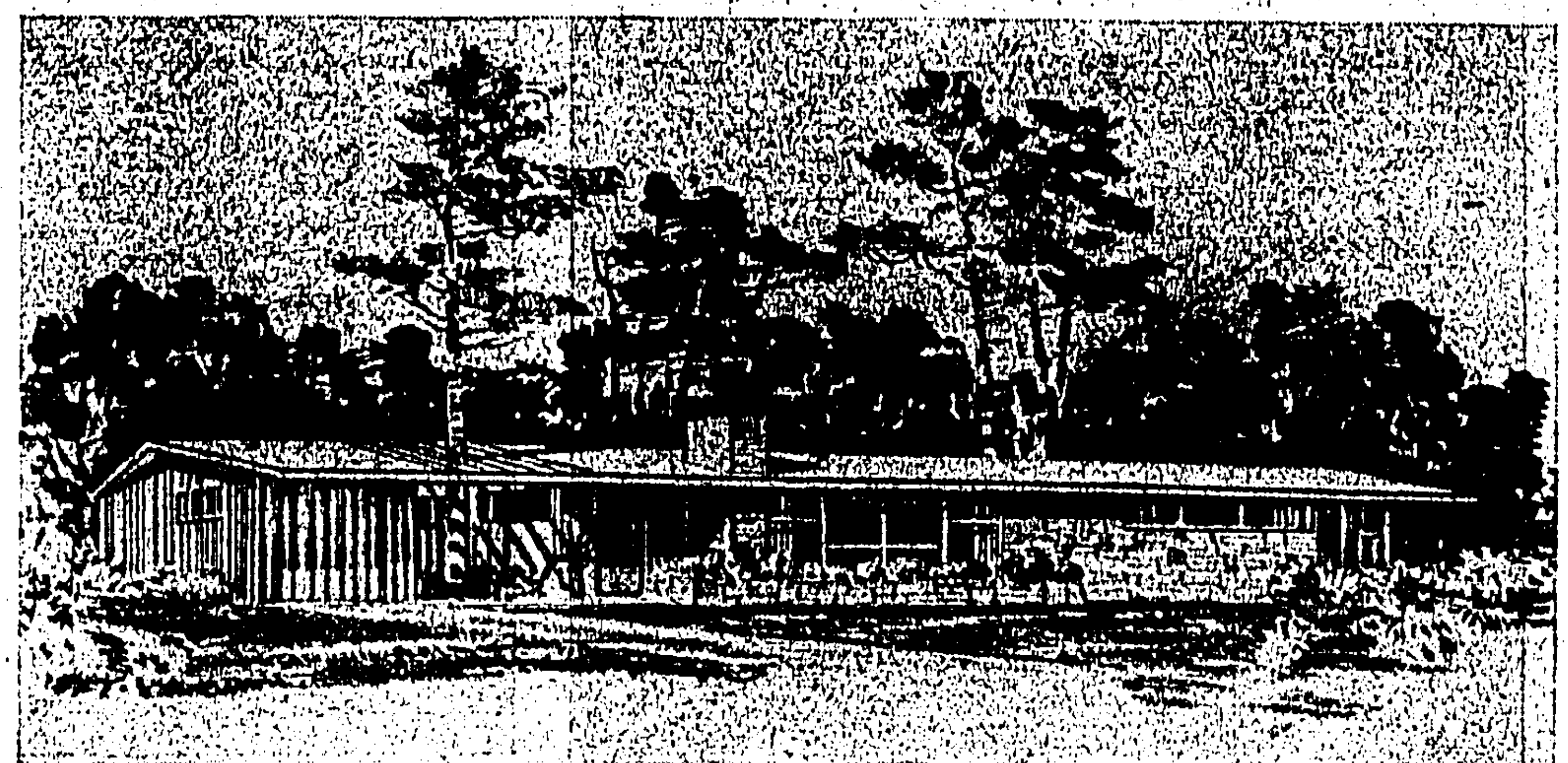
#### Liver Sausage Strawberries

The strawberry-like appetisers were very realistic. For these, mash liver sausage, then shape into strawberry, and roll in finely ground almonds that have been tinted red. Use a tiny bit of mint or watercress for stem and leaf.

Then there were the "reefer trunks" made by filling the cavities of two matching pieces of curled celery with any soft cheese spread. Press the two stalks together and stand them upright to resemble tree trunks. For a specially good celery stuffing, enough for 12 pieces celery, mash together a 3-oz. cake cream cheese, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. each pepper and paprika and a dash of Worcestershire. Moisten with mayonnaise. Mixture should be spread on celery through a pastry tube.

#### Caviar Canapes

The caviar canapes were very grand indeed. Spread rounds of bread with anchovy butter made by adding a small amount of anchovy paste to well creamed butter. In centre of each round place one tsp. caviar. Garnish with anchovy butter or cream cheese. Chill in refrigerator. Serve on lettuce leaf, or with a garnish of shredded lettuce or watercress, for a nice colour effect.



By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

**FLOWERS** can bloom in the spring, summer, autumn or winter in the homes shown here. They're designed with special indoor planting features.

Both of these houses are from a new book by an architect who specialises in designs that offer at least one conversation piece. It may be a den, a de-luxe rumpus room, an indoor barbecue, a balcony, covered porch or, as pictured today, an indoor planting area. All are things that set a home apart, give it custom-made charm.

Plan K-336 has long, sweeping lines. It's a handsome house, done in a combination of stone and frame.

#### Created by Greenery

Like many modern homes, this design combines indoor and outdoor living. Step inside to the foyer and you're greeted by greenery. The planting area is a tropical garden planted in a stone built-in. The double foyer guest closets are built low, with space atop them for evergreens.

A massive stone fireplace next to a picture window makes a distinctive corner in the big living room, inspiring some attractive and comfortable furniture placements. This is an L-shaped room, with one end set aside for dining.

A breakfast nook is part of the efficient kitchen plan, which also includes an adjacent pantry.

Two of the four bedrooms have built-in vanities that will please feminine members of the family. Plan K-336 comprises 1,835 square feet.

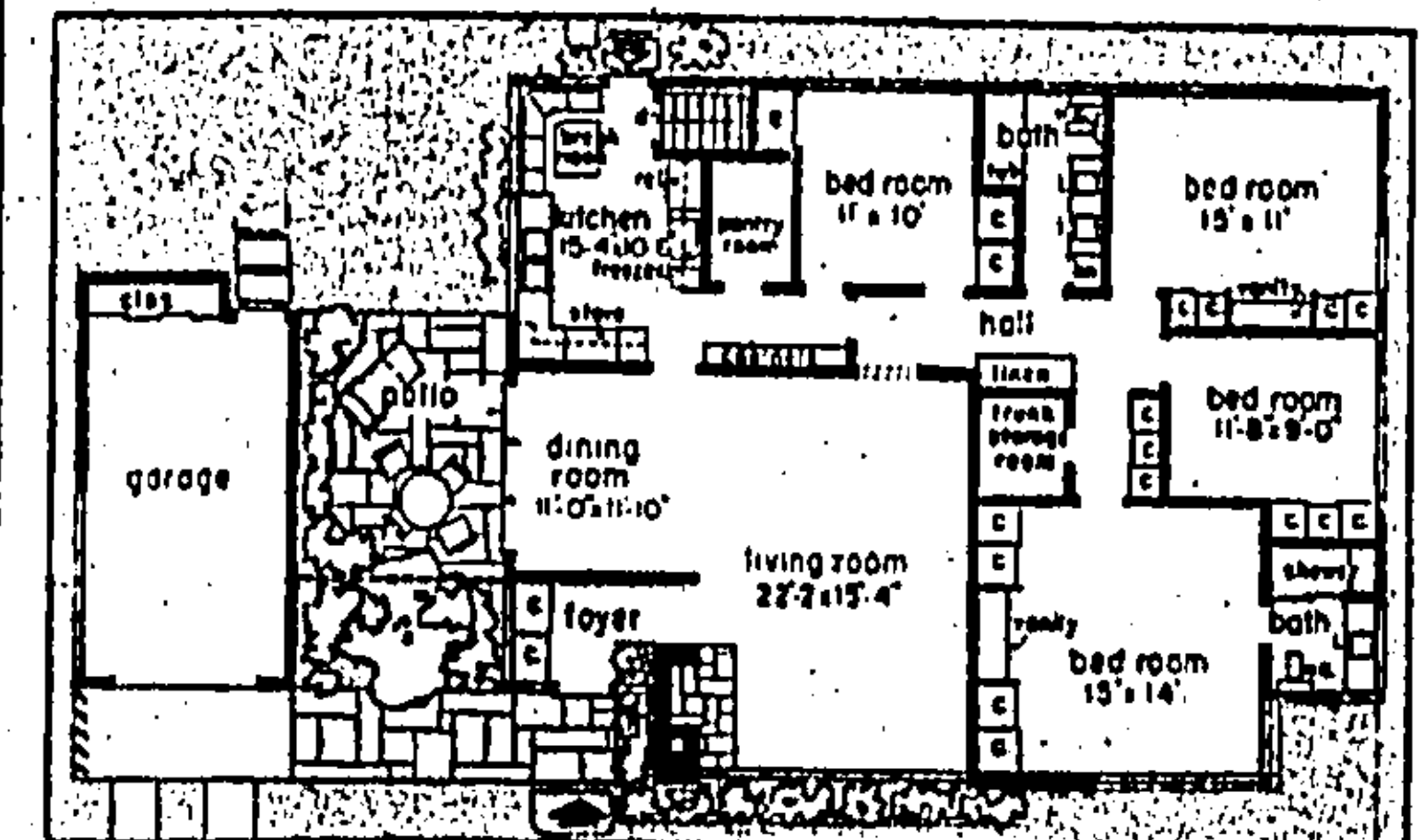
#### Greenhouse Windows

The planting area is in the basement of the other home pictured here, Plan K-338. Greenhouse windows cover the planting terraces, which add a delightful outdoor touch to the downstairs game or hobby room.

**THE EXTERIOR OF THIS HOME, K-336, offers one grand sweeping line of stone and frame. Numerous windows set up a happy relationship between outdoor and indoor living. To the right of the garage, there's an outdoor patio perfect for use as a summer dining room.**



**A TROPICAL GARDEN** in a stone built-in planting box offers a cheery welcome in the front foyer.



**THE FLOOR PLAN of K-336 shows all its special features—built-in vanities, kitchen pantry, trunk storage room, numerous closets.**



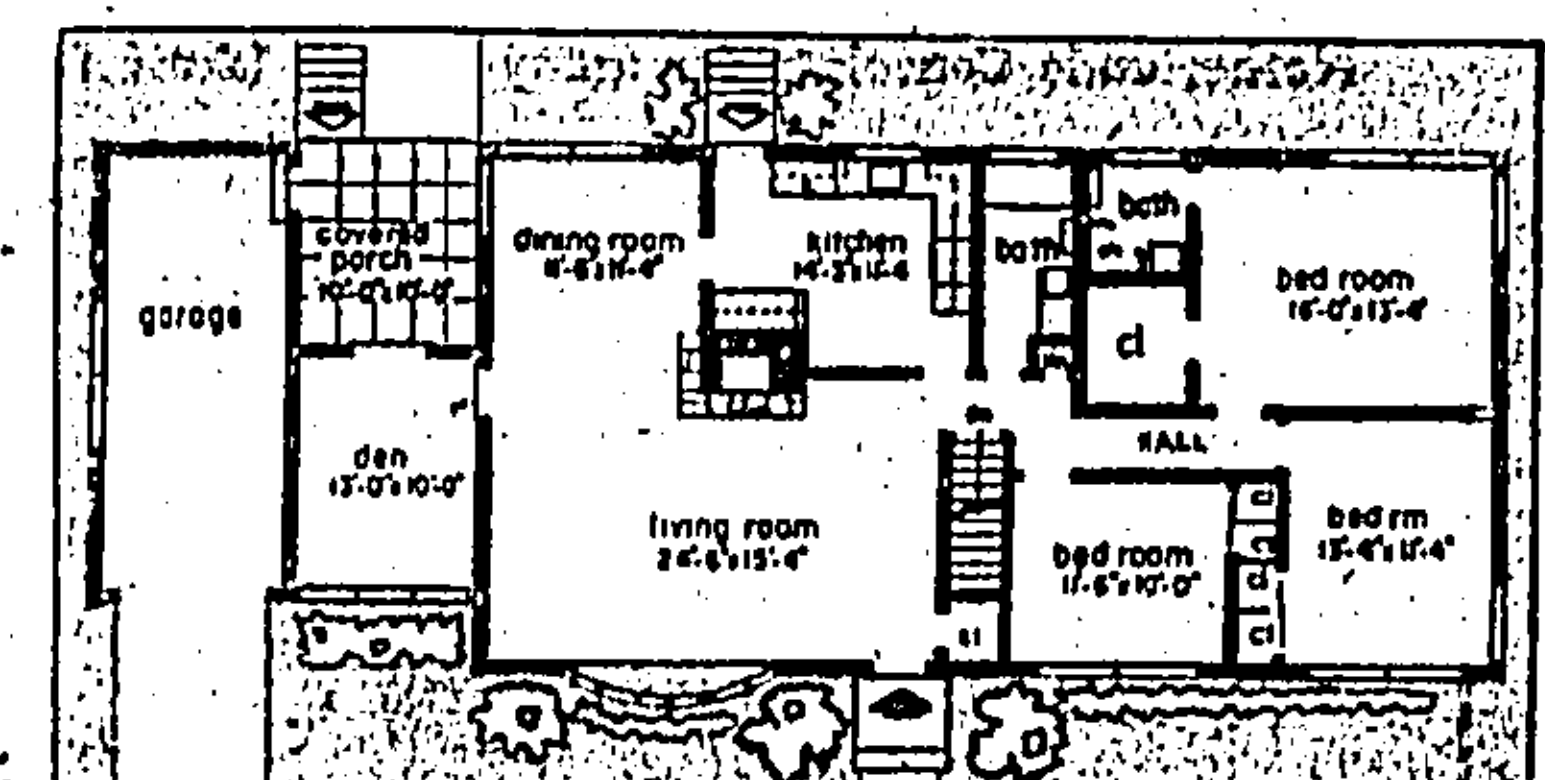
On the main floor, conservatory type windows provide lovely glimpses of outdoor greenery. No dark corners in this house!

The living room merges into the dining area, adjacent to the L-shaped kitchen. To the left of these activity centres is a covered porch and a cozy little den.

Sleeping quarters are at the right side of the home. The master bedroom has its own bath and a huge walk-in closet that answers a number of storage needs.

House K-338 comprises 1,043 square feet.

**CONSERVATORY TYPE WINDOWS** and pretty planting areas enhance the exterior of Plan K-338. The finish is a striking combination of brick, boards and battens, and shingles. Asphalt shingle roof.



**THE LIVING ROOM merges into the dining area in Plan K-338, with a large adjacent kitchen. There are two baths, three bedrooms.**



**HERE'S A BRIGHT CORNER** of the basement. A greenhouse window recalls plants to get plenty of sunshine, makes the hobby room light.

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### SHE LEAVES ROVING PARIS BAR FOR SIMPLER LIFE

By BARBARA MILLER

**A** STATUESQUE former showgirl who fought and won a three-year battle with the French law for the honour of owning the only houseboat-night club allowed in Paris, is leaving it all behind for the simple pleasures of America's Middle West.

Chestnut-haired Lisa Perrin, whose 5-foot, 9½-inch stature made her a former Billy Rose showgirl, said her five years in the sophisticated "City of Light" made her all the more ready to leave this winter.

"You just can't beat the good old States," she said. She opened her Water Clipper Club in 1950 aboard a broken-down 8' x 22-foot hulk.

River police soon discovered it and her battle with the law started. Under local safety laws it was illegal within city limits.

The roving bar wandered up and down the Seine River from one bridge to another, as temporary permissions to moor were issued by one authority and cancelled by another.

Customers found it great sport. They never knew they could find the perambulating nightspot. Often they didn't. "It was heart-breaking to see an automobile full of potential customers driving along the other side of the river after one of our sudden shifts, and not be able to find us," Lisa said sadly. She finally won permission to moor permanently opposite the Eiffel Tower.

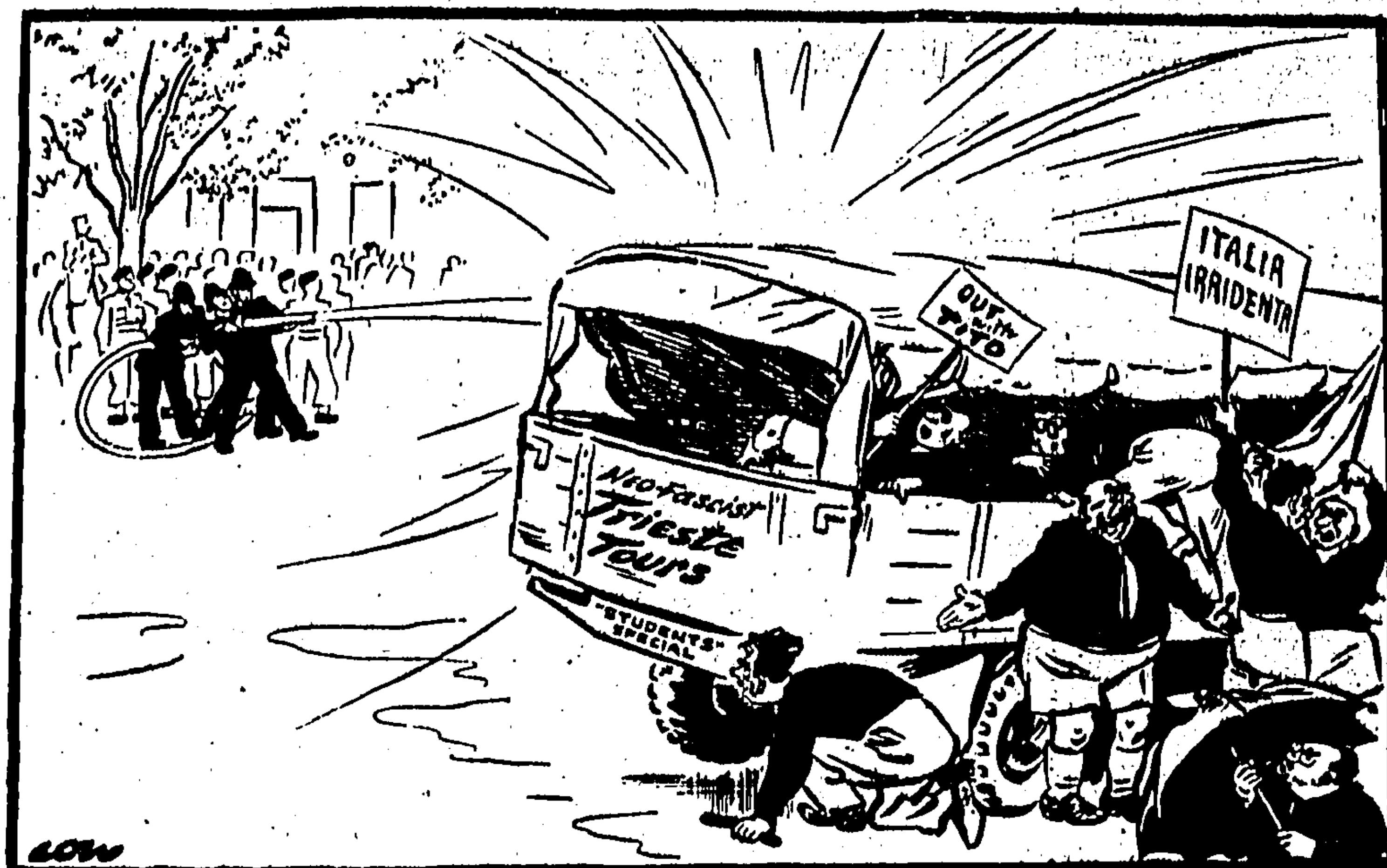
"I'm not leaving it forever," Lisa said. "I'll be back in Paris next summer, but in the meantime I want to open another club in Palm Beach, Fla., for the winter."

The blue-eyed, 23-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrin of Milford, O., has other reasons for wanting to go home. Her two-year-old French-born son is with his grandparents and she misses him.

Lisa was married to handsome Andre Salas, her bartender, sport. They never knew they were married until they were sent to America. "Because a crowded houseboat isn't a difficult place to bring up a child properly,"

Lisa and Andre both live and work on the matchbox-size boat, but they have other plans. Lisa just bought a 16 x 70-foot cement boat, and intends to rebuild the tiny bar to a full fledged cabaret by next summer. —United Press.





"SHAME! THE BRUTAL BRITISH WONT LET US START A NEW WAR"

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## Oh, I Say—Here Come The Bingo Boys Again!

LONDON.

AMERICANS used to complain that English visitors became pun-dits on the U.S.A. on the strength of a three-week stay on Long Island.

Well, if we wish it out we can also take it. For here are two recent and fleeting visitors to Britain telling us just what is wrong with us.

Bingo! And it's Senator Ellender telling us we are finished.

Bingo! And it's an ex-commodore of the Boston Yacht Club telling us that we've got too many Rolls-Royces.

What a life!

Senator Allen J. Ellender, Democratic member of the powerful United States Appropriation Committee, back in Washington from a world tour, announces: "Britain's only hope of survival is to disperse her people and their skills to the Dominions. The British Empire can never come back. We should cut off all financial aid to Britain immediately...."

With part of what Senator Ellender says I heartily agree. I only regret that he did not say it earlier and louder—and that his voice did not carry more weight back in 1946, when the British loan was negotiated.

### Wrong reasons

IT would have been far better if Britain had never accepted any American dollar hand-out—had decided to go it alone financially and done the best she could that way, however rocky the road.

Still, better late than never. And if Ellender wants to cut off the flow of dough, good enough. He is right enough there, but right for entirely the wrong reasons.

Ellender thinks, or says he thinks, that we are finished. The Empire is all washed up. It is so, use, maintains the Senator, throwing good dollars after bad. Just put up the shutters, he advises, and ship out to the Dominions, for Britain has had it.

Adds he: "The British are much too stubborn to make such a move unless they are forced. Clamping down on the dollar is his friendly notion of forcing us—by continuing the hand-outs, America is only 'giving Britain hope where there is no hope.'"

This is a miserable, defeatist theory. But the trouble is that we are in the position, not only physically, so to speak, where we get off, while we

By RENE MacCOLL

continue to act the international enforcer.

The proof of the pudding would be not eating it. Standing on our own feet, making our own way—and seeing whether, in another 20 years, Ellender's predictions had come true, or whether there were still plenty of people left in these islands, somehow contriving the fairly good life.

### Complaints

WHO is Ellender? The future Senator was born 32 years ago in the tiny town of Monticello, Louisiana. His home State was part of a wonderful bargain-rate package-deal (the "Louisiana Purchase") which the young American Republic struck with Napoleon in 1803. For the expenditure of only 15,000,000 dollars (\$5,500,000) America acquired a huge tract of land running from the Canadian border down to the mouth of the Mississippi in New Orleans.

Possibly it is the recollection of this financial stroke which prompts Ellender to grumble today: "On my tour I heard a lot of complaints from business men that Britain is retaining most of the dollars for herself."

We can't win. For, coming in like some muted second chorus of the Ellender motif, is Mr. H. J. Atkinson.

Mr. A. has recently been in London. He too is back in the U.S.A. He too says we should not be getting any more

American dollars—but for different reasons from those of the Senator.

Atkinson is appalled, indignant even, at our apparent prosperity and well-being. These British are well-dressed. They have cars. And he refers to London, a bit unkindly, as "this supposedly bombed-out city."

I don't know anything about Mr. A. except that he is an ex-commodore of the Boston Yacht Club.

Standing at Hyde Park Corner, the shocked ex-commodore counts 250 Rolls-Royces flashing past him in one hour flat. (What a way to spend one's time.)

My own theory is that what Mr. A. actually saw was one single Rolls going past him 250 times inextricably caught in that traffic roundabout at Hyde Park Corner!

### Suspicion

BUT putting aside the sniping from the Ellenders and the Atkinsons, the fact must be faced that, even among our warmest and most level-headed American friends, you are apt to encounter that lingering suspicion and dislike of "imperialism" and "colonialism."

And when an American starts talking like that, what he really means to say is: What is the British Empire staying in being for?

When an American thinks of Britain he is apt to develop a

split personality. He can simultaneously admire Britain sincerely and mean it when he says that we are the most cherished of the Western Allies, and he can also be genuinely puzzled that we persist in maintaining the ungainly, and slightly deplorable, anachronism known as the Empire.

Since the war American influence in all sorts of political circles which have beset us has not invariably worked to our advantage.

The Sudan was a prime example. Even so moderate and sagacious a Secretary of State as Dean Acheson showed impatience over our viewpoint there.

### Old favourite

EXCEPT where American vital interests are concerned, the sum of American advice and diplomatic pressure on Britain could probably be described in one word: liquidate.

Now where U.S. interests are concerned, the situation is different. It is not likely, for example, that we shall be advised to clear out of Malta, now that the island is to take its place among American strategic bases.

But that is legitimate diplomacy. Every nation must order its policy in conformity with its own vital interests. We should be fully alive to that fact.

At the same time, we should not be too perturbed when among all the pastimes of 1953—Canada, TV, 3-D, and the rest—the old, old favourite of Twisting the Lion's Tail crops up.

## RECIPE FOR A RIOT

By Kenneth Stanley

Trieste. NOW I know how to start a riot in Trieste. The method was revealed to me in a tour of the two districts which provide the disputed city's hired thugs—the leather-jerked lads of the Piazza Cavanna and the narrow-trousered boys of the Viale XX Settembre.

The two districts differ socially. But in neither is it wise to walk around just now looking or talking English.

The Cavanna gang are the city's Dead End Kids. They operate from the narrow unit alleys of a quarter-mile square area. They are the swift-bred children of Trieste's old city and brothel area where vice is cheaper than a bottle of sweet Italian cognac.

The Viale XX Settembre is flashier, more distinguished. It thrives in the Italian heart of Trieste, where the British Army cinema seems daily cut of place. The long jacket and hand-polished tie are part of the nightly scene. Each gang respects the other's territory and never trespasses.

Neither gang—with a total of about 300 members each—is officially owned by any Trieste or Italian political party. But they are the mercenaries, the local raw material—reinforced as during the recent riots, from Italy—of every violent incident that flares up in Trieste.

They will do their damndest for 2,000 lire—about three dollars—a day.

They are young 'enough' to mingle with sincere but misguided students, though most of them hardly went to school and would not dream of carrying a satchel.

They will work for anyone who pays the price. In the latest lethal riots their employer was the M.S.I. (neo-Fascist) Party.

At the start of every incident the same youths throw the first stone, shout the first slogan, stop the cars, and set the match to the petrol-drenched truck or heap of furniture.

The bars and cheap restaurants house the gangs' headquarters in both areas. In the Piazza Cavanna—where from

police riot squads because con-crope pots at each end but all traffic—the neon sign of the Bar San Gualto winks a welcome. But the impression dies as soon as you open the door.

Leather-jerked toughs and hard-faced women soon make it plain that your intrusion is not relished.

At the Antica Grotta Bar across the way—known to the Venezia Giulia police for its night life brawls and occasional killings—the gang leaders hold their planning conferences, and issue their orders.

Over at the Viale XX Settembre things are a little different. A senior British police officer told me: "I think it is the more dangerous area of the two. I would not walk round there alone."

Here the gang headquarters is the double-fronted, modern Bar Felice. It is the home of the fanatical M.S.I. members. And it was the operational command post for the recent riots.

But in my tour of the two areas I saw only the faintest of the professional fighters. The brains never show themselves in either district.

## Tribute To Churchill: To His 80th Year

By BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP

MONDAY being November 30 Sir Winston Churchill will enter upon his 80th year. And let it here be said that he is in good health as well as high spirits and that his mind is as vigorous as ever.

It did not seem possible when Parliament broke up for the long summer vacation that he would ever again be able to take the double strain of Premiership and Party Leadership. The wonder was that he had been able to endure the strain so long.

For weeks on end, before he withdrew on doctors' orders from the Westminster scene, he had doubled the roles of Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary. Day after day he had met the onslaught of Question Time; day after day he had presided over the Cabinet.

During the Coronation he had fulfilled as many as ten official engagements in 24 hours, entertaining foreign potentates, greeting and extending hospitality to the Commonwealth Ministers, keeping in touch with the Queen and her advisers and making public speeches at banquets where his absence might have been regarded as a discourtesy.

Three years ago the Conservative Party gave him a lunch at the Savoy Hotel, and he said to us: "I am not so fortunate in the matter of speeches as some of you are. When you speak at a banquet the reporters pick out a phrase or two or even make the mistake of not reporting you at all. Unhappily in my case they always report it more or less in full, and I can't use the confounded thing again. For me every speech is a first performance."

I was in Canada during this year's race, and all that I knew about Churchill's health was what I gathered from the Canadian press.

It is true that he had made a successful appearance at the annual seaside conference of the Conservative Party but reports had differed. Some accounts said that his voice was vigorous but that his face looked tired. Others declared that his movements were slow and weary as if it were a great effort on his part.

Undoubtedly he had declared that there would be no election this year or next but then it is in the nature for such men to play Ajax and defy the lightning of the years.

Therefore when Parliament resumed in late October and we assembled at 2.30 for the traditional hour of questions, Churchill was down for a series

of questions at 3 o'clock. Ten minutes before that time he entered the House, and received an immense ovation which was not confined to one side. A little later came the Speaker's voice, "Question Number 40 to the Prime Minister." Up got Churchill and there was another thunder of welcome—this time from his supporters. His face looked as fresh as a baby's. His eyes were twinkling and he seemed five years younger than when we had seen him last.

Solemnly he gazed at the Socialist who had put down the question on the Order Paper, as the House hushed to complete silence. With a smile Churchill bowed to the Socialist and then, in a low, confidentially uttered the words: "No, Sir."

There was a roar of laughter which engulfed the House. Perhaps I should explain that the questions are printed on the Order Paper and are not verbally asked. The Minister answering can answer at any length he chooses. Hence the laughter when Churchill chose to utter no more than two words.

However, this particular Socialist, who is not only a clever Parliamentarian but a trouble maker of great skill, was not to be outwitted. He rose at once to his feet and said: "While we are delighted to see the Prime Minister in his place, does his answer mean that he will not make a statement?"

"I have no intention of making a statement at this juncture," said Churchill, "and least of all in reply to the honourable gentleman."

With complete regard for the rules he had hit this mischief maker right in the solar plexus. Nor was he going to be put off by the friendly tribute the Socialist had paid to him. The old master was back in the ring, and he was not going to let anyone dictate tactics to him.

After Question Time he came into the Members' refreshment room and took the seat which is his, not by right but by custom, and smoked a big cigar while he consumed a very large whiskey and soda. Like others I had a chat with him, and I cannot remember in all the 18 years I have been a Member when he looked more vigorous or in a better humour.

Therefore, I am not at all certain that the 80th year of his amazing life will see him lay down the political crown. Unlike Brunhilde, who was guarded by a sacred fire that surrounded her, Churchill is made immortal by a sacred fire from within. He has almost defied the fates. As a

soldier he risked his life with complete audacity. As a politician he made political enemies with utter disregard for the consequences. Nothing but the stern resolve of the gods could have kept him alive until today. Yet it is said that those whom the gods love die young. Churchill always believed that such men, beloved of the gods, die young at whatever age they die.

What other man could suddenly take up horse-racing at the age of 74 and cause such an upheaval in the traditionally bound racing circles of Britain?

It happened this way. Churchill's son-in-law, Captain Christopher Soames, MP, returned from a visit to France and told Churchill about a remarkable three-year-old colt he had seen over there. It raced extremely well, but as it was put in a stable it went mad, kicking everything in its path—including its food and drink. But on the course it gave no trouble at all.

"Buy it for me," said Churchill. He had recognised a kindred spirit. Colonel II duly arrived and gave no trouble until it went quite mad. Completely puzzled the new trainer entered it for a fairly valuable race which Colonel won without difficulty. "There you are," said Churchill. "All he wants to do is to race every day."

The bookmakers will never forget Colonel II. It won something like six races out of the first seven. Unhappily the seventh race was worth a lot of money, and that night at Westminster an MP asked Churchill what had happened.

The Prime Minister waved his hand deprecatingly. "It was my fault," he said. "Before the race I had a talk with the horse—always have a talk before a race—and I told him: 'Colonel, this is a valuable race and if you win it I will retire you to a life of ease, comfort and sensual satisfaction.' Colonel at once broke into a sweat and was beaten. It was all my fault."

I have told that story not merely as an anecdote but as one of the keys to Churchill's character. He has a zest for adventure which denies the years. Even as the head of a nation at war he retained the spirit of a cavalry subaltern. The bright eyes of danger have always lured him in battle and in peace. His generous impulses often outweigh the maturity of his judgment, but when the heart keeps young it will not always listen to caution.

Without the unconquerable spirit, without that youthful alacrity which mocks the tread-

mill of time, he could not have won his greatest victory—the victory of the secret battle which will never be recorded in military annals. Let me explain.

From 1931 to 1935, when his party was in actual or virtual power, Churchill was not given office. Think what that meant. From the age of 55 to 59 he was thrust aside. Yet these are the golden years of harvest to the man of talent. How often he must have gone home to his wife and said: "There is no place left for me in public life," and how often she must have consoled him with a loving optimism.

Yet it was almost as if the historic dramatist had decided to keep him in the wings until his hour came. When in 1940 he became leader of the nation that terrible task a mind undulled by ten years of waiting, a spirit unbroken, a magnanimity unembittered.

To me, the victory of the secret battle is the greatest achievement in the whole story of Winston Churchill.

Looking back on those days it seems to me now, as it seemed to me then, that Destiny had kept him in the womb of the centuries until his hour arrived. He belongs in so many ways to the 16th century rather than to the 20th.

In those glittering Elizabethan times glory lit the skies; Bacon's knowledge crossed the frontier of men's minds. Drake and Raleigh and Frobenius harnessed the uncharted seas to England's use; captains of the army were not content with military glory but had to be poets, dancers, actors and painters as well.

Can one doubt that Churchill's spirit was there as well? Day after day, month after month, year after year, I sat with him in Parliament through the Hitler war. I have seen him weep at the human cost of victory, but I have never seen him weep in the hour of defeat.

How long will he dwell among us mortals before the gods become jealous and summon him to Olympus? None of us has the power to declare the year or the hour, but when he departs it will be as if a mighty cliff had crashed to the sea.

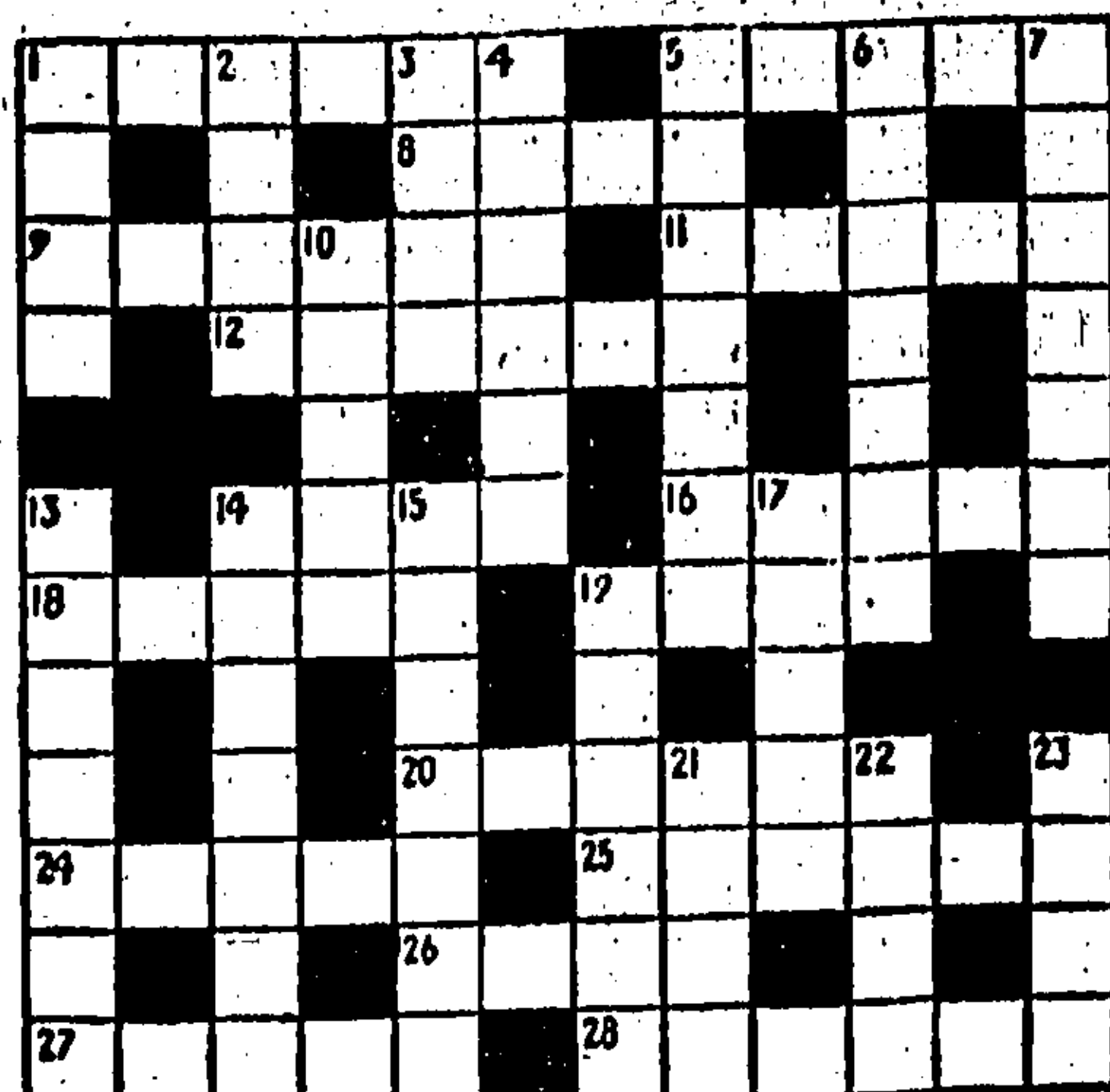
You heard his voice in the dark years of the war. He never lost faith in you and he rejoiced with unshamed tears when your cruel night was over.

Churchill in his 80th year does not belong merely to us. More than any other living personality he bears out the words of Parables: "The whole world is the sepulchre of famous men."

CHOSEN BY FAMOUS PEOPLE ALL THE WORLD OVER

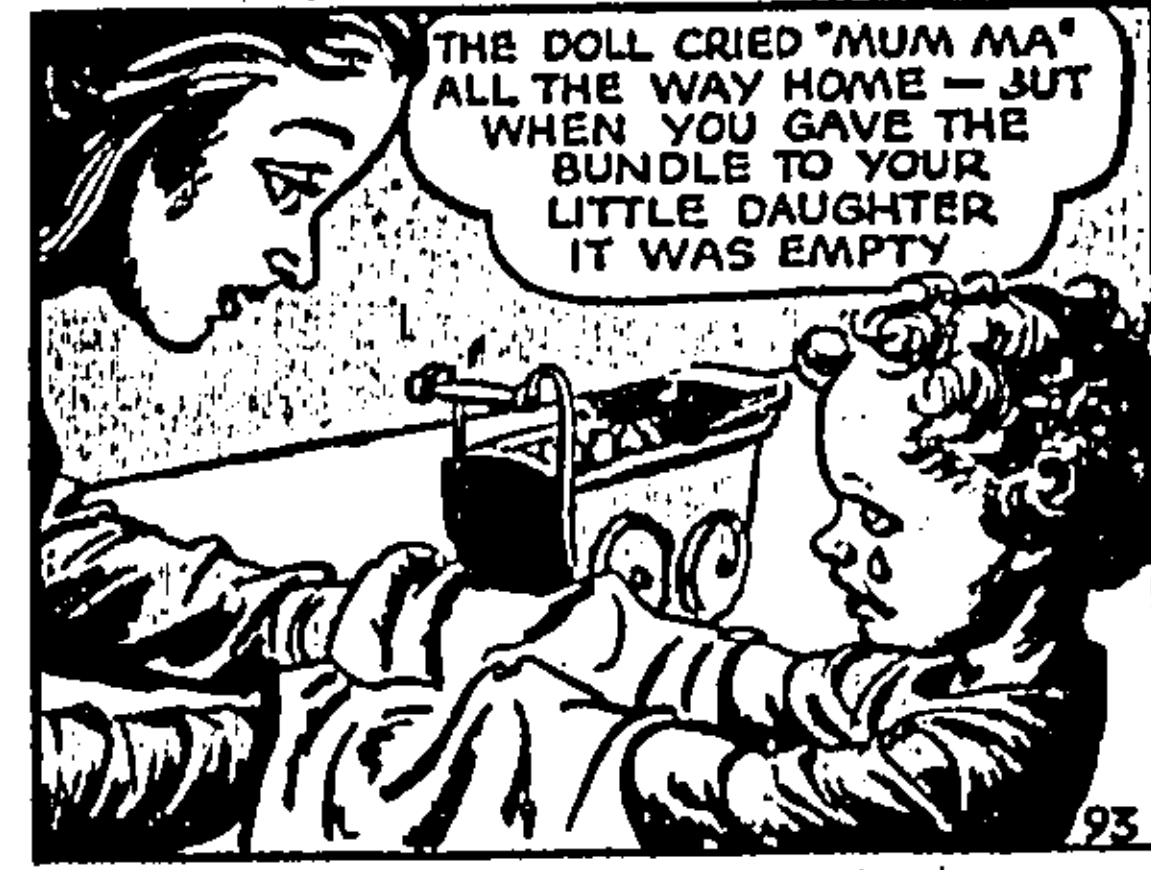


## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Walks pompously (6).
  - 5 Scrap (5).
  - 8 Precious stone (4).
  - 9 Carry on again (6).
  - 11 Sufficient (5).
  - 12 International agreement (6).
  - 14 Disorder (4).
  - 16 Observes (5).
  - 18 Minimum (6).
  - 19 Incites (4).
  - 20 Like better (6).
  - 23 Oppose (5).
  - 25 Keenness (4).
  - 27 Fear (5).
  - 28 Highly delighted (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Agilo (4).
  - 2 Repose (4).
  - 3 Book (4).
  - 4 Utters (6).
  - 6 Echoes (7).
  - 7 Most profound (7).
  - 10 Presses (5).
  - 13 Concentrated (7).
  - 14 Knead (7).
  - 15 Ceased (7).
  - 17 Monsters (6).
  - 19 Came out (6).
  - 21 Sense (4).
  - 22 Fissure (4).
  - 23 Fastener for shirt-front (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:** Across: 1 Tress, 4 Rascal, 8 Pastor, 10 Tango, 12 Record, 14 College, 17 Ride, 19 Unalike, 20 Consult, 22 Leas, 23 Arsenic, 27 Regret, 29 Verse, 30 Semper, 31 Reward, 32 Ruddy. Down: 1 Tangle, 2 Easel, 3 Shore, 5 Alto, 6 Candid, 7 Lotted, 9 Regular, 11 Arrive, 13 Centures, 15 Oboe, 16 Lasces, 18 Demi, 20 Cleyer, 21 Narrow, 24 Steer, 25 Nomad, 26 Candy, 28 Gear.



## THIS DREAM MEANS:

Probe deeply enough into a dream — or better still a sequence of dreams — and you will find a wish and a fear and a conflict between them.

Here the wish seems to be to have another child: the fear is that it may not be acceptable to your little daughter.

There seems to be some difficulty about

getting the child: it seems to require an operation (cutting a hole in the window); it involves expense (you get it from a shop); there seems to be a need for secrecy (it all happens at night).

Dreaming of the child as a doll suggests you may be wishing yourself back to childhood again when you could get reassurance and help when you felt helpless. A wise and trusted physician is probably your best adviser at this stage.

## PARADE A COLUMN OF THE UNUSUAL ABOUT PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

## OF MICE AND MICE

A "luxury hotel" caught in the handle of an open pasted up big cards saying "Thieves are operating here." When the thieves closed the shutters they brought the posters into view.

The mice are given a varied diet, are allowed to scamp freely about their "hotel" from which cats are carefully excluded. But everything they do is recorded. The mice don't know that Agriculture Ministry men are watching.

Aim of the mouse-snoop: To discover their weaknesses so that better ways of trapping them can be devised.

The "hotel" is a disused stone building, dimly lit by red lamps, on a wartime airfield up-country. The mice behave naturally because they are not afraid of subdued red light. Occasionally the scientists serve up a Borghese feast to see if they can detect poison by smell. Two full mouse-watchers are employed.

Main findings so far: The male mouse is supreme boss in his own home, leading it over several wives and scores of children.

Mice are for ever fighting their neighbours.

**DOUBLE TAKE** Change's long arm reached twice into Johannesburg the other day.

Head scratching traffic cops solemnly had to record that two drivers both named Tom Seymour, both aged 27, collided in cars of the same make. Both were concussed on their windshields. Both dislocated left wrists.

An African window cleaner fell from the eleventh floor of a city skyscraper. Passing Floor Eight the belt of his overalls

**COSMETIC BAN** No longer may Dutch teen-agers wear lipstick or nail varnish in school.

And boys must attend with properly brushed hair and clean nails.

This, in effect, has just been ordered by Holland's Inspector-General of High Schools.

It is the first ever official instruction regulating appearance of Dutch school children, who are, nevertheless, not forced to wear any particular uniform.

**HELPING HAND** What is the value of a human life? In Paris it depends on how wet you get in saving one.

The Seine River authority has just issued its official tariff for rescuing people falling into the water.

Reaching out a helping hand from the bank, 9s. 6d. Boat rescue, 10s. 24d. Diving in for someone, 10s. 24d.

**TURN OF COAT** West-friendly Marshal Tito is giving his Army new uniforms—minus most of the Soviet-style board-like epaulettes denoting officer's rank.

Instead, officers will carry stars — still five-pointed on their shoulder straps, the way British officers wear their pips.

ACOs will show their rank on their sleeves, and no longer will Yugoslav officers have the lavish red or blue stripe down their trouser leg.

In summer the whole army will go into blouse, shirt and shorts similar to the British tropical uniform.

Reason for the changes? Says the Army: "Practicality and economy."

**OPEN AND SHUT CASE** Two thieves are curbing their enation from behind the bars of Geneva gaol.

They were caught robbing the villa of an American United Nations man—apparently a student of criminal psychology.

The American was away on holiday with his family. He left the shutters of his villa open.

Along came the thieves for an easy clean-up. They broke the window, climbed in and closed the shutters.

Within five minutes police were there. Behind the open shutters, the American had

**FORGOTTEN FIGHT** Something big happened to end a fight between Roman legionnaires and barbaric Visigoths 2,000 years ago.

Archaeologists who unearthed 180 of their skeletons near Segovia, Spain, found them still locked in mortal combat.

Skeleton hands still clutched grimly at mouldering sword hilts. Three skulls had heavy maces embedded in them.

A large stone chest found with them, brimmed with gold earrings, silver buckles, filigree rings. Experts said it was probably a general's loot.

Theory advanced by archaeologists on the spot is that the battling men were entombed by a sudden landslide.

**MORE TURTLE SOUP** Last year's Monto Bello atom tests, far from killing off marine life, have caused a rapid increase in the number of fish and turtles in the area.

Amazed by this increase, British scientists who have just returned from the islands say that atomic radiation could have made the turtles and fish more fertile.

The islands are a breeding ground of huge green-backed turtles, famous for the soup they provide.

**IROQUOIS** Red Indians in their eagle-feathered war bonnets have gone to court in Ottawa to take action against the Queen.

In a test case that will affect 130,000 Indians living in Canada, the Government honour a 150-year-old treaty allowing them to bring in goods from the United States duty free.

Chief Poking Fire and Mrs. Poking Fire of the Iroquois tribe, near Montreal, sat on the stiff-backed benches in court watching as their counsel wrangled over the legal arguments for them.

The case stems from the action of a young Indian welder, Louis Francis, who lives on a reservation. He is seeking to recover \$123 on a refrigerator, washing machine and heater he bought in the United States.

**THE NAME'S THE SAME** William Shakespeare, aged 21, was fined \$1 in a Johannesburg court for swearing in public.

"I hope that is as you like it," said the magistrate.

## THAT LITTLE TERROR

An American psychiatrist and a teacher tell parents that spanking, however old-fashioned, may sometimes still be necessary.

## By the DOCTOR

A GREAT many families have among their members the sort of child who is described as "a little terror." To find yourself the parent of a little terror is a worrying business—though often enlivening as well.

Fathers and mothers faced with this problem will find much to help them in "The Intelligent Parents' Manual," which has been published as a Penguin Handbook (price 2s. 6d.).

The authors are Americans, Florence Powdermaker being a psychiatrist and Louise Grimes a teacher in a nursery school. But the book has had its transatlantic edges rubbed off by English editing, and British readers will be pleasantly surprised to find the advice given often departs quite a long way from the half-baked teaching of some so-called modern child psychologists. "You must always let the little deans do exactly what they like."

Discussing aggressive behaviour in children, the authors have this to say: "When one considers the endless number of things a child is told to do during the course of a day, many of which he is too young to see the necessity for, and when one counts the times he is crossed in his wishes, it does not seem surprising that he often and quite normally resents adult authority."

"When a child does feel angry he shows it both by word and deed. At a surprisingly young age he learns to express his fury vocally by abusive language and dismisses his parents by his bloodthirsty threats."

Dismissals is the operative word. It is fatal for parents to show that they have been seriously disturbed by the naughtiness of a child, for this encourages repetition of the naughtiness. Also, of course, a troublesome child will get great satisfaction from hearing its behaviour discussed by grown-ups.

Many parents still think that destructive and aggressive behaviour in children are forms of original sin and can be cured only by instilling a fear of punishment. But often there is something upsetting in the child's life that is not fully understood by the parents.

A small girl, for instance, who develops a great affection for her father may resent the attention he gives to her mother and show her resentment by defiance.

Some parents are too prone to apply adult standards to their children's behaviour. These are the parents' whom you hear in the streets alternately threatening and cajoling a snivelling toddler who is delaying the shopping expedition.

Such young children are physically incapable of hurrying or appreciating the need to hurry. Even to step up from the road on to the pavement is a complex, muscular task requiring due time for its performance.

Besides, there are a bewildering number of things to look at, of dangers to be avoided, of objects to pick up. In fact, any parent who is consistently irritated by a child's tendency to dawdle will soon be a candidate for high blood pressure.

An occasional spanking may, of course, be essential. When a naughty child has been given too much rope and has come to believe that his parents do not really mean what they say, a spanking will show him that there are bounds beyond which his aggression will not be allowed to go. It also may relieve the child of a feeling of guilt.

But parents who are often impelled to punish a child by spanking or otherwise should question whether or not there is something wrong in their relationship with the child and what it is hoped to gain by frequent punishment.

The fortunate child is one who is brought up in a home where the rules for behaviour are few, but resolutely enforced.

## MILTON SHULMAN: A BOOK TO TALK ABOUT

## THE DAY OF A FAMOUS MURDER

It was certainly a busy day for Prince Felix Youssouppoff. Most of it was spent studying for examinations which he was to take the next day. In the evening he had a date to murder Rasputin. It was December 29, 1916.

The decision to kill this malevolent priest was taken when Youssouppoff learned that Rasputin was negotiating a traitorous peace with German agents.

The influence of this corrupt, dissolute peasant came from his hypnotic eyes and the power he exercised over the Tsarina.

The preparations were relatively simple. Rasputin was invited to Youssouppoff's home in St. Petersburg where he was to be served with cakes and wine. Each cake and each glass was filled with enough potassium cyanide to kill several men instantly.

**Ticking** WHILE the co-conspirators played "Yankee Doodle" on a gramophone in an upstairs room Rasputin nibbled away at two of the cakes and drank two glasses of wine. Except for a slight tickling in the throat, the cyanide seemed to have no effect.

Desperately Youssouppoff poured out more poisoned Madelon wine. Still no effect. Catching

sight of a guitar, Rasputin asked his host to sing him something cheerful. In the circumstances Youssouppoff thought something sad would be more appropriate.

After two hours of desperate waiting Youssouppoff lost his faith in cyanide and shot Rasputin through the heart with a revolver. The doctor among the conspirators declared him dead and they left the body in a basement room while they prepared to carry out the rest of their plan.

But some misgivings prompted Youssouppoff to go back to the room some time later. He felt Rasputin's pulse and there was no beat. But suddenly, to his horror, he saw the left eye open and then the right.

With a sudden violent effort Rasputin leaped to his feet, foaming at the mouth, and grabbed Youssouppoff by the throat. Youssouppoff managed to break free and dashed upstairs for help.

Rasputin followed him up the stairs, crawling on hands and knees, "gasping and roaring like a wounded animal." It took four more bullets finally to kill Rasputin.

There was nothing in the early life of Prince Youssouppoff to suggest that he would ever indulge in such orgy of violence. His autobiography, *Lost Splendour* (Cape, 18s.), indicates a decided aversion from anything energetic.

**In disguise** BELONGING to one of the richest and noblest families in Tsarist Russia, Youssouppoff was the heir to estates stretching hundreds of miles.

His mother, disappointed in his being a boy, dressed him as a girl until he was five. He admits this has had a lasting influence on his character.

As a young man his special delight was wearing women's clothes as a prank. His disguise was so successful that at the opera in Paris he attracted the wandering eye of King Edward, who asked for her name.

The happiest years of his youth were those he spent at Oxford. His entourage as a student included a Russian chef, a French chauffeur, an English valet and housekeeper, a hunter, two polo ponies, a bulldog, and a macaw.

He scandalised London society by installing in his Curzon Street flat a black carpet. It even caused a divorce. An Englishwoman ordered one against her husband's wishes. He countered it by a funeral. "Either me or the carpet," he said. She chose the carpet.

**Repercussions** HIS book, filled with the eccentric irresponsibility of grand dukes, princes, and counts, is hardly likely to do much to restore the prestige of the Russian aristocracy.

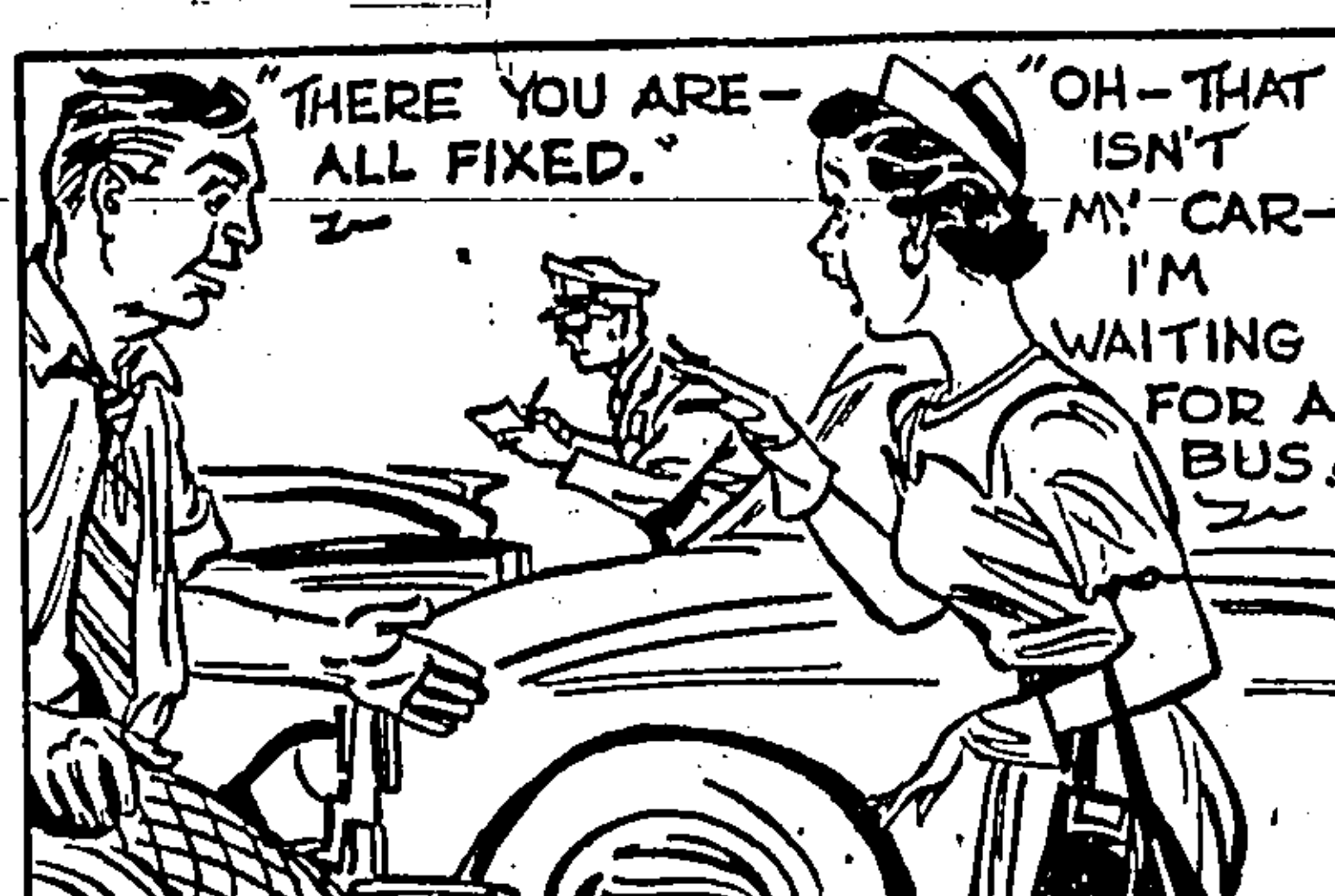
Impervious to the smouldering hate around them, they flattered away their last days in drink and debauchery.

Youssouppoff's murder of Rasputin had some curious repercussions. It saved his life a number of times when, during the first days of the Revolution, most of his class were being summarily murdered. And he was offered the job of Tsar of Russia. Luckily for him, events prevented him from accepting it.

## VIGNETTES OF LIFE

## Love's Labor Lost

BY HARRY WEINERT



"THERE YOU ARE—ALL FIXED."

"OH—THAT ISN'T MY CAR—I'M WAITING FOR A BUS."

AND TO TOP IT OFF HE'LL BE FLATTERED THAN A BUSTED TIRE AFTER HE PAYS HIS FINE FOR DOUBLE PARKING.



YOU SHOULD GIVE HIM HIS BATH AFTER HIS DINNER.



AFTER LUGGING THE WEEK'S FOOD SUPPLY SIX BLOCKS—THE WOLF IS KEPT AWAY FROM THE DOOR.



IF THE BUGS DON'T LAND ON YOUR NEW PAINT JOB—THE MISSUS WILL. (ONLY THE BUGS DON'T HAVE TO SEND THEIR PANTS TO THE CLEANERS)



HE SPENDS HOURS OF HARD LABOR WITH THE DOPE-SHEETS AND THE HORSE RUNS A DANDY LAST.



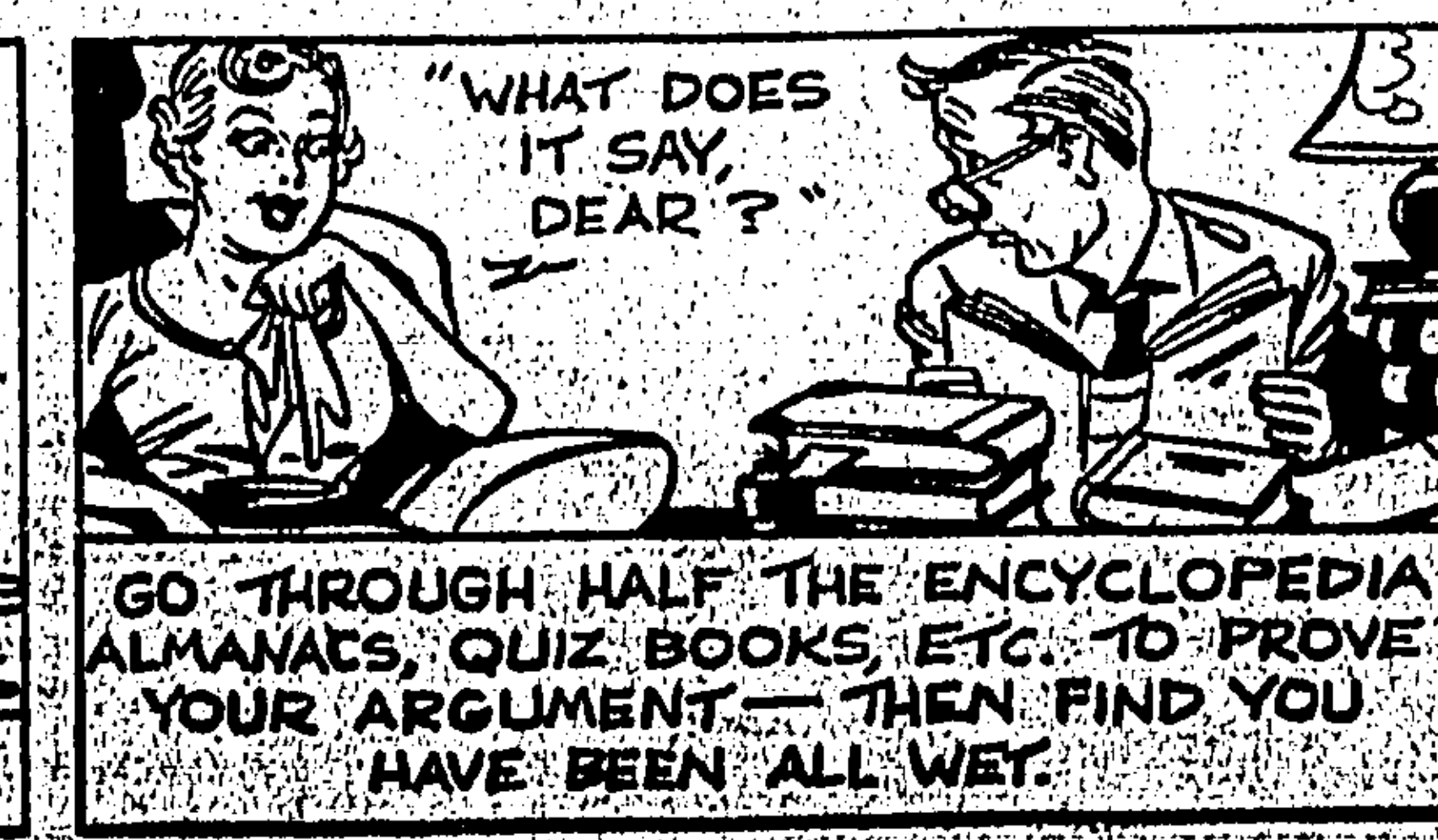
"ISN'T HE SWEET? HE WON'T LET ANYONE COME NEAR ME!"

HE ELIMINATED ALL RIVALS FOR THE GIRL OF HIS DREAMS—ONLY TO BE STYMIED BY A POOCH.



"DIDN'T I TELL YOU WE WERE INVITED OUT FOR DINNER?"

THE LEAST SAID ABOUT THIS—THE BETTER.



"WHAT DOES IT SAY, DEAR?"

GO THROUGH HALF THE ENCYCLOPEDIA, ALMANACS, QUIZ BOOKS, ETC. TO PROVE YOUR ARGUMENT—THEN FIND YOU HAVE BEEN ALL WET.



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## THE CHINA MAIL'S WEEKEND LOCAL SPORTS PARADE

# Ladies' League Match The Feature Of The Programme

By "SNOOPER"

A keen week-end's softball can be expected with no fewer than nine games scheduled to be played off today and tomorrow. The second round clash between Terry Noronha's six-time Champions, the Wahooks "A", and Pearl Chan's much-improved Pandas will be the feature. The eagerly-awaited return encounter is scheduled for 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, at King's Park.

The last time the two leading teams in the Ladies' League met, the Wahooks ran roughshod over the Pandas, winning by 21-0. But those behind the Pandas, who are the favourites of the good number of Chinese followers of the sport, are confident that Pearl Chan and her colleagues should give the champion Owls a hard fight in this return engagement.

There's no doubt the Wahooks always look best against stiff opposition and they are favoured to beat the Pandas for their sixth straight victory. To date, the Pandas have beaten one of the best teams in the circuit—Benita Remedios' Colleens—by 11-9 and have trained very seriously to provide a peppery dose for the Wahooks.

**BRIGHT CHANCE**  
Since the Pandas' first setback, sustained in the opening game against the Wahooks, the Chinese ballplayers have four victories to their credit and this is a sufficiently good effort to indicate a bright chance for the Pandas.

The flop of the Pandas against the Wahooks in the first round shook coach Willie Woo and manager Pearl Chan but in this crucial return tilt they have worked out a satisfactory solution to the acute problem that has arisen at a late stage of the season.

Pitcher May Wu, formerly of the Pooi To squad, is likely to be the answer to the Pandas' greatest problem.

With May Wu on the mound and with Eugenia Kwok as catcher, the Pandas' battery problem is solved and this can make a great deal of difference.

The original Pandas' battery of Pearl Chan and Eugenia Kwok is good, but certainly not good enough in the face of the Wahooks' heavy hitters, including Stella Correa, Irene Starkey, Nana Carvalho and Chuchi Campos.

Although pitcher Pearl Chan is worth support because of her better control of the ball than May Wu, she may not be able to overcome her "inferiority complex" when facing the champion Owls.

This was clearly demonstrated in the first round game when the Wahooks' batters easily knocked her pitches all around the diamond. Whether or not Pearl Chan will be starting for the Pandas is still an uncertain matter.

The Pandas should have a good chance of exciting some first class infield moves with reliable Dancer Tong at first, Pearl Chan or Ada Kwok at second, Bonnie Chan at third and Amy Cheng as shortstop. They have shown great promise in previous games and should give all the support to either pitcher May Wu or Pearl Chan.

Outfielders available for selection are Ida Pan, Stella Pui, Lucy Lee and Sally Lee. A Pandas' upset victory will chiefly depend on a heroic pitching performance, and it is the opinion of this writer that the task of the Wahooks will be simplified if May Wu is excluded.

## ACCUSTOMED

The Wahooks' fans are accustomed to the tantalising softball served up by the champions and there's no doubt of the all round ability which brought them five straight victories to date. In all the games, the Wahooks have shown power in hitting and fielding and against the Pandas' tenacious Terry Noronha and her teammates will be intent on capitalising on any opening to further their ambition to clinch the Pennant for the seventh time.

No team has yet been able to hinder the Wahooks' system, but the real strength of the champions is tied up in experience and teamwork and

their "superiority complex". Pitcher Terry Noronha is expected to carry the hopes of the Owls with Nana Carvalho behind the plate.

Infielders who have played a major part in the Wahooks' previous wins are Doreen O'Zorio at first, Bernadine Remedios at second, Stella Correa at third and Irene Starkey as shortstop. Outfielders appearing for the Wahooks tomorrow are centre-fielder Chuchi Campos, left-fielder A. Mendonca and right-fielders Sam Dragon and Stella Correa.

In the other Ladies' game, Benita Remedios' Colleens, out of action last week, are strongly tipped to beat the Chinese Athletic Association. This game should provide the Colleens an opportunity to earn up in preparation for their most important game next week when they come up against the Wahooks.

The writer has been informed that pitcher Alda Oliveira will not be available owing to a nose injury sustained during a practice session and her place will likely be filled by Benita Remedios.

The welcome return of shortstop Sheila Silva to the Colleens' fold should brighten things up for coach Eddie Marques and with speedy newcomers Pamela Hall, Antonia Remedios, and Sally Sun in good form, a defeat is most unlikely.

## SENIOR "A" GAMES

Two Senior "A" games are billed for Sunday with Jirodo Hussain's Saints playing the USS Cockrell and the Rexes meeting the winless Warriors.

The result of last week's game against the Pandas brings back the familiar warning to the Saints that they cannot hope to regain the Pennant if they continue fielding their veterans.

Manager Hussain was able to make several changes in the line-up against the Pandas last Sunday, but failed to take advantage of the presence of youngsters such as Joaquim Colloco, Saleh, Harry Kwok and Ribeiro, completely neglecting them.

The downfall of the Saints could also be attributed to a wrong line-up of batters and this must have been most disconcerting to their supporters and upsetting to the players.

It seems that they have time and again fielded the oldtimers and have industriously benched the youngsters.

One of the best tributes this writer can pay these youngsters is to say they have faithfully appeared at King's Park every Sunday with little prospect of figuring in the games.

It is up to team manager Hussain to rectify this so that in the game against the USS Cockrell the best possible use can be made of their talent. The Cockrell ballplayers did not show much improvement last Sunday when they were beaten by the Rexes in a colourless game, and will have to produce first rate ball to beat the Saints.

Although the Rexes are an improved side, it will undoubtedly be a hard struggle for pitcher Nazarin and his players against Alfredo Oliveira's Warriors in the other game.

The Warriors, who have so far dropped three games in a row, look good for a win. With Joey Franco pitching, there is no reason why the Warriors should not break their losing streak.

Jimmy Herriek's Pandas should experience no trouble in overcoming Hongkong University in the only Senior "B" Division tilt.

## TODAY'S GAMES

Four Junior Division games will be down for decision today. With the Chinese Athletic Association first team doing so well in the League, Frank Poon's boys should keep their lead with a win over David Cooper's 25 Gunners.

A good game should be seen between the Pandas and the Rookies while the Maumaus are expected to account for the Cubs. In the last game of the afternoon a win for the Dodgers over the Comets is likeliest.

## SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



## SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

# LET US SEE NO MORE OF THE TICKET TOUTS

Says I.M. MacTAVISH

Since last Sunday so much has been said and written in criticism of South China's pre-sale of tickets for the KMB game that I feel I must—in fairness to the many disappointed fans—say a word or two on the matter.

I am strongly of the opinion that "first-come-first-served" is basically the fairest method of entry to any sports event. BUT, and this is something which local critics have ignored, stadia have no elastic sides and there is always the risk that those who do NOT come first . . . and do NOT get in, might—in their disappointment—cause an ugly scene.

This is something that must be prevented at all costs, for only one who has been involved in the angry turmoil of a thwarted football throng can know what it means.

It really does not matter what arrangements are made for local soccer matches as long as they are fair, open and above board. It is the thought of being "addled" that angers the fans.

If it has to be a pre-sale affair, then let the methods of distribution of tickets be given adequate publicity . . . but whatever happens, let us see no more of the openly active ticket tout who were in evidence in the Caroline Hill area last week.

## DANGEROUS OVERSIGHT

In the United Kingdom, and in many of the big footballing countries, it is a pre-match duty of the referee to visit the dressing rooms and inspect the boots of every player in the game.

In British dressing rooms the "boot boys" usually come just before the players troop on to the field, and it was introduced to ensure that players were saved unnecessary injury from nails or loose parts on the boot. It is also a check that no illegal attachments are being used on the footwear. I hold the view that this is an imperative precaution.

A week or two ago, as the result of an incident in the Sing Tuo-CAA game when Ho Cheung-yau had his stocking ripped to bits, I made a few discreet inquiries and I find that local referees do not inspect boots before games. This I consider is a dangerous oversight by our officials and a grave injustice to the players.

A major tragedy befell an English league player last season when, as the result of a scratch from a nail, he lost a limb.

Let us meet this in the right way now and make sure that our players are not asked to accept any unnecessary risk . . . the Association should issue an instruction to all referees that they MUST inspect boots before a game is allowed to start. This is one occasion when we can be wise before the event . . . after the event could be too late.

## CONCRETE PROOF

I am glad to read that the local Association has now given concrete proof of its determination to build up a strong representative side. The players selected for training represent a sound cross-section of local talent, but one could hardly accuse the selectors of showing much imagination.

All the old names are in the list and among the others there are several who have virtually no chance whatsoever of getting into the team . . . but the policy is a move in the right direction and it should find favour in most fair-minded quarters.

There is one point for discussion, however. Have the selectors been wise in their choice of a coach? I hasten to add that this is not a criticism of Mr Lee Wal-long and his assistants, but surely this was a task that cried out for "horses for courses" . . .

Does Mr Lee know anything of the style of football played by Regatta? Has he had an opportunity of watching them in action? Is he in a position to advise his men on the tactics they must expect from our visitors?

This was one time when the job of looking after the playing policy of the Colony team could,

with advantage to all concerned, have been given to a coach who has seen the opposition and who has the necessary information to assist the players.

It is amazing what pre-knowledge of tactics can mean to a team, and on the other side there is nothing more disturbing than to find that your opponents have devised methods of countering your best moves.

## BIG MATCH TODAY

The outstanding match on the local week-end programme is the meeting of Sing Tao and the Army at the Club Stadium this afternoon. The Tigers, so far undefeated, have run up a heavy tally of goals and their clever forwards have been the deciding factor in their games so far.

Today's game is really the first big test the defence has had this season and it will be interesting to see how they stand up to the power and craft of the star-studded soldiers' eleven.

As I see it this game will be decided by the success or otherwise of four players—Honinball and Ho Cheung-yau for Sing Tao and Bennett and Stevens for the Army.

The jobs of Honinball and Stevens will be to blot out Bennett and Ho respectively and the one who achieves the greatest success in his task will probably win the game for his side.

Bennett is fast and clever and if he gets the ball on the ground he will give the Tigers' centre-half a tough afternoon. Stevens, the Army right-half, usually favours an attacking game, but if he moves up and leaves Ho Cheung-yau in the open space he will find that the Chinese boy will make him pay dearly for his tactics.

This match may well end in a draw, but if Stevens can shut out Ho Cheung-yau I think the Army will just win.

## ALSO ON . . .

The other games on programme today are: Club vs. Kwong Wah at Causeway Bay.

CAA vs. Police at Boundary Street.

St. Joseph's vs. Kitchee at Caroline Hill.

Police and Falconer are back in the Club line-up and they will make Kwong Wah fight all the way for the points . . . and we may see a real surprise result.

Police should overcome the fitful CAA in a game where the power of Hughes and Wakefield and the goalkeeping skill of Au Chi-yin should be the deciding factor.

The Athletics have lost a lot of their early season promise and as long as they persist in playing "football" they will find it hard to improve their position.

Over at Caroline Hill, Kitchee should have no trouble in disposing of luckless St. Joseph's whose defence is losing for too many goals to give them even an outside chance.

As the Navy-KMB game has been cancelled tomorrow's schedule now has only one game . . . Eastern vs. South China at the Club Stadium. A year ago this would have been a top-line attraction, but the wholesale departure of players has reduced Eastern to very ordinary status, and it would be a major surprise if South China did not register a good win.

## SWEDS AGAIN

On Wednesday we shall welcome back the Djurgard team in a game against "All

# GOOD SELECTION OF RUGGER GAMES THIS AFTERNOON

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon rugger fans have a good selection of games on both sides of the harbour. Out at Kai Tak the RAF play the Navy after the Police have played the Army in the Pentagonal Tournament. On the Hongkong side the Club play the Gunners in a friendly preceded by the Club "B" playing the Seventh Royal Tanks.

As there is also an Air Display at Kai Tak, all rugger fans are requested to use the Pallisade Gate, as they will otherwise be unable to get through to the rugger pitch.

At Kai Tak the first game, which begins at 3 p.m., will be between the Police and the Army. The Police have not been able to put in any training this week but should, however, hold the Army in the first half. The lack of training should tell in the second half and the Army should then overwhelm them.

The Navy have the heavier pack and an expert hooker in Owen and they should for this reason get the larger share of the ball in the scrums. And this should become the turning point of the game.

However, the RAF have of late been playing a very hard and fast game, and they may just upset the Navy, but on paper they definitely prefer the Navy to win especially after the neat way in which they trounced the Army last week.

## SOOKUNPOO GAMES

On the other side, down at Sookunpoo, the curtain-raiser will be Club "B" against Seventh Royal Tanks at 2.30 p.m. The Tanks have not yet been seen in action this season but they had a very good, strong and fast team last season and should give Club "B" something to think about.

Club "B" now have a good, strong three-quarter line, but their pack still has far too much weak point in it. They are particularly weak in their catching and passing back from the lineouts.

There is, however, much more work in their pack this week-end and the Tanks will not find it so easy to push them off the ball as their last opponent's did. The Tanks, if up to last season's standard, should win comfortably.

## SHOULD BE CLOSER

The second game at Kai Tak promises to be much closer. The RAF have made quite a few changes, particularly in their three-quarter line where Gammon and Hampson come in to support Balderston and Barker. In the forwards the newcomers are Saunders, Donald, Ramshaw. This is a greatly changed team and they

are expected to be a good side, but it is so hard to predict the result of this game.

# SPORTS SURVEY

By "ALL-ROUNDER"

Heart of Midlothian, the famous Edinburgh football club, managed by the equally famous Tommy Walker, have received an offer to tour South Africa next summer—and have turned it down.

Financially the offer was generous, but it would have imposed too long a physical strain on the players. One result of Hearts' 7-0 defeat at West Ham was that Manager Walker met Ted Drake and the annual fixture with Chelsea is to be revived—probably on the Eve of the Hampden International next April.

When the appointed referee failed to turn up for an amateur match in Blackburn (Lancs) the other day an official of one of the clubs was asked to take charge. For a time things went nicely. Then there was a goalmouth scramble, a trip and the deputy referee awarded a penalty amid silence. When he reached the spot he astonished everyone by saying: "Nay, it wasn't worth a penalty really" and "dropped" the ball.

The boy is at it again! Playing for Longshaw United in the Mill Hill League (Lancs) against Little Harwood Boys' Club he notched his fifth "hat trick" of the season. The previous match his personal tally was seven and he has scored 24 in five games.

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# ARMY PLAY OPTIMISTS AT SOOKUNPOO THIS AFTERNOON By "THE ZOMBIE"

Army and Scorpions this afternoon resume their rivalry in the race for Cricket League honours, after having postponed their match against each other last week.

League-leading Army are at home to the Optimists in what should be the best match of the week, while second-placed Scorpions will entertain the giant-killing Craigenower XI.

From the line-ups of the four teams and their recent form it looks as if much of the Scorpions' chance of narrowing the eight-point gap between them and Army will depend on their teammates, the Optimists.

Whereas the Scorpions are leading their best team available, Craigenower will be without two of their regular players, Saunders and Rags.

In their last four matches the Scorpions have scored 736 runs for the loss of only 21 wickets, averaging just a little over 35 runs per wicket.

Against this consistent batting and wider range of reliable batsmen it will take some inspired bowling by Craigenower to keep their opponents from knocking up 150 runs, at any time.

The Craigenower batting slumped badly in their last two outings, and the task of putting up the runs was shouldered

mainly by George Souza with a little backing from K. V. Tam, Harry Madar and Colledge.

Souza has undoubtedly been the most consistent batsman so far in the League this season and has still to be dismissed for a score of under 20 runs.

The first to reach 300 runs this season, Souza could have easily increased his aggregate but for the fact that he was time and again called upon not only to keep up the batting but also the rate of scoring.

With an even weaker team out this afternoon, and with the Scorpions enjoying a slight superiority in the bowling department, the decision should go to the HKCC team by a comfortable margin unless Souza comes up with another century knock or left-hand bowler Billimoria with a re-

petition of his performance last week.

## MORE DIFFICULT

Army may have a little more difficulty in overcoming the Optimists than Scorpions should encounter with Craigenower. The Optimists missed Arthy badly in most of their matches and still have to find a suitable opening bat to partner Kilbee.

They are, however, still a batting side to be reckoned with and Army will do well not to take the risk of taking first loss of the wicket should they win the toss.

Army's chances of at least maintaining a good margin of lead on their closest rivals should be further increased by the inclusion of right-arm spin bowler Puckenhun-Walsh to strengthen their already formidable attack.

Recreio, who are almost as well-placed as Scorpions to challenge Army, will face Navy with a little uncertainty this afternoon. One reason is that they will have to include at least four junior players in their team and another is that they will be up against a Navy team of unknown capability.

Sadler and Agar were well among the runs last week, Sadler a little lucky but Agar a more reliable and steady bat. The Navy batting is comparatively much weaker than their bowling.

In three, Short, Sims and Price the Navy have four very useful medium to medium-fast bowlers who can do a great deal of damage. A win for Recreio is expected although they will have to be extremely careful to keep the runs down should the sailors bat first.

The return to form of Dodge of KCC last week, when he scored 88 not out, was welcome news. Wood, too, came through with a fine knock of 54 not out.

These good knocks are just what the KCC need at the moment and should give them back their much-needed confidence in their game against IRC this afternoon.

The Indians still have to get out of the rut of drawn matches with more forceful play. The two excellent successive innings of 70 and 57 by hard-hitting J.C. Koh should provide them with a good solution to their trouble, which is mainly inability to score in front of the wicket.

Another drawn match is not unlikely, but let us hope that at least a close finish will be seen.

## TODAY'S GAMES

**First Division**  
Army v Optimists  
Scorpions v CCC  
Navy v Recreio  
IRC v KCC  
University v RAF (Postponed)  
**Second Division**  
KGV School v Dockyard  
DBS v Navy  
KCC v University  
Recreio v IRC (Postponed)  
**TOMORROW**  
Inter-long match  
Jardines v Dockyard  
**Second Division**  
Police v Army

## ARSENAL v. BOLTON



Lishman, the Arsenal inside-left, hooks the ball over Hanson, the Bolton goalkeeper, to score Arsenal's second goal at Highbury. Arsenal won 4-3.

## LEAGUE CRICKET AVERAGES

### FIRST DIVISION

#### BATTING

(Qualification — 100 runs)

	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Aver.
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	4	1	70	180	60
G. A. Souza (CCC)	7	1	111	330	56
L. De Cruz (Army)	6	2	99	351	37.7
I. Stanton (Scorpions)	6	1	91	182	30.3
L. Agar (Navy)	4	0	86	145	36.2
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	6	2	37	138	23.2
A. R. Kitchell (IRC)	6	2	58	133	33.2
J. C. Koh (IRC)	7	1	70	187	31.1
LAC Armstrong (RAF)	7	2	75	155	31
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	6	0	69	177	29.5
T. G. C. Knight (Scorpions)	6	0	55	109	23.1
P. V. Dodge (KCC)	7	1	38	157	26.2
P. Wood (KCC)	7	1	54	134	22.3
L. Kilbee (Optimists)	6	0	40	131	21.8
B. P. Dhner (CCC)	5	0	30	100	21.2
L. Farmer-Wright (Army)	5	0	37	100	20
LAC Heanley (RAF)	7	1	30	110	19.3
L. Y. Tien (CCC)	7	0	33	121	17.3
LAC West (RAF)	7	0	40	100	15.6

Not out.

#### BOWLING

(Qualification — 10 wickets)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
L/Cpl. Dowling (Army)	58	10	174	29	6
K. G. Spink (Optimists)	59	12	135	16	8.4
L/Sgt. Brice (Navy)	35	1	89	11	8.5
G. Saunders (CCC)	32.4	0	89	10	8.9
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	50	7	131	14	9.3
T. G. C. Knight (Scorpions)	25.5	6	102	10	10.2
LAC Horsham (RAF)	40.4	0	243	23	10.6
G. A. Souza (CCC)	50.2	10	132	12	11
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	65.5	5	241	21	11.5
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	50.2	9	173	15	11.5
P. J. Billimoria (CCC)	50.1	8	150	13	12.2
J. C. Koh (IRC)	37.4	8	253	20	12.6
F/Lt. Stappard (RAF)	53	13	148	10	14.8
B. Carnell (KCC)	44.1	2	100	10	16
I. Stanton (Scorpions)	45.5	5	221	13	17
S. M. Teh (HKU)	75.4	10	320	18	18.1

## Five Exhibition Matches For Malayan Shuttlers By "ARGONAUT"

The Hongkong Badminton Association will not take sides in the controversy between Wong Peng-soon and his touring team and the Badminton Association of Malaya and will adopt an attitude of not being in a position to judge who is in the right or who is in the wrong.

In the absence of any official communication from the Malayan Badminton Association, the HKBA feels that it cannot but treat Wong and his team as guests again, and will accede to the request by the Mayflower team to stage five exhibition matches in Hongkong.

These decisions were reached by the Hongkong Badminton Association at their Emergency Executive Committee Meeting held recently.

Arrangements have now been made for Wong and his team to play all the five matches at the newly opened Macpherson Stadium in Kowloon. Three of these matches will be played on December 3, 6 and 8. All the proceeds of the three night's game will be distributed equally between the Anti-T. B. Association and the Tung Wah Group Hospital's Fund.

In addition there will be two special matches for Schoolchildren on the afternoons of December 5 and December 9.

Meanwhile the tempo of the controversy between the touring team and the Malayan Badminton Association has toned down considerably in Malaya during the past two weeks as interest shifted to the Inter-State Foong Seng Cup final between Penang and Selangor last week.

There seemed to be a general feeling that both the BAM and the touring team have erred in one way or another and that a round table talk to smooth out differences and misunderstandings would be more constructive approach.

Without Piruz and Lim Koon-yam, Selangor failed to retain their Foong Seng Cup title, losing to Penang by the narrow margin of 4-5. Of interest to Hongkong badminton players and fans, however, is the fact that Selangor was represented in the singles by two Schoolboy players, one of whom was Oon Cheng-telik, the Malayan Schoolboys' Champion who was seen in action in Hongkong on a few occasions in the past two years.

How fast Oon has improved is shown by the fact that he extended Malaysia's famed Thomas Cupper, Ooi Telk-hock, to three hard-fought sets. After losing the first set, Oon staged a whirlwind offensive game in the second and had Telk-hock baffled with a barrage of body-line smashes and net flicks to win by 15-5.

Even despite his youth, Oon could not maintain his attacking game in the third set and conceded the match to a more experienced player, Oon Ching-ly extended another Malayan Thomas Cupper, Lee Hoo-Chye, in the other singles game, winning the second set 15-1.

### GOOD NEWS

Coming back to local badminton news, I am sure clubs will be glad to hear that the overdue Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, December 7. Still more pleasant news, especially to clubs which are in desperate need of home courts for their League matches, is that keen interest has been shown by the Children's Playground Association officials in putting the Macpherson Stadium at the disposal of the

Association for League matches or practice games by clubs at nominal rentals.

Should utilization of this stadium be possible, it will save a great number of postponements in the forthcoming League schedule.

Last week I mentioned the fact that the Colony Open Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Championships will begin very soon, and have been informed since then that entry forms will

be sent out to the various sportsmasters and sports-tosses some time next week. All schoolboys and schoolgirls who wish to participate in the Championships should see their sportsmasters or sports-mistresses about entering their names by the end of next week.

There will be an additional division this year, to be called the "C" Division. This will be limited to students who are below 15 years of age and below five feet in height.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

### FIFTH RACE MEETING

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)  
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The Secretary's office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.  
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3 each per day payable at the Gate.

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Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

### CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$32. Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 12th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 3 D'Almeida Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 11 a.m. on race days.

Attention is drawn to an amendment to the Rules for Cash Sweeps whereby Prizes of \$2,000 each will be paid to holders of tickets on unplaced entered ponies, whether Starters or not, but only in the case of Cash Sweeps on the last race when tickets are on sale prior to the day of the race.

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By Order of the Stewards,  
H. MIBA,  
Secretary.

## THE HEAVYWEIGHTS MEET TO DISCUSS FARM MACHINERY

By ARCHIE QUICK

One of the strangest gatherings in modern sport took place in Sussex last week-end. There sat down to lunch boxing manager John Simpson and heavyweights Don Cockell, Jack Gardner and Johnny Williams.

What was so strange about it? Well, Cockell is the reigning Champion and the other two, both former holders of the title, are bent on recapturing it. And, to add to the strangeness, Cockell and Gardner are stablemates under the managership of Mr Simpson!

What is more, each of the three boxers is now a fully-fledged farmer—Cockell near Bexhill (Sussex), Gardner near Market Harborough and Williams just outside Rugby. The long arm of coincidence is not yet finished. John Simpson has bought a farm near his native Basingstoke!

Their kindred calling brought them together and it was pigs and poultry, cows and calves they discussed rather than right hooks and knock outs. But the three heavyweights were giving the manager advice for a change for he is a tyro at the farming game, and they were suggesting to him the best machinery etc. to buy.

### PECULIAR SITUATION

But a peculiar situation is being woven. Cockell, Gardner and Williams are unquestionably the three outstanding heavies in Britain and they must meet among each other in the near future.

It will be Gardner versus Williams in renewed conflict as a final eliminator, and you will remember that it was Johnny who took the title from Jack in the "Blood Bath of Leicester". Cockell, in turn, deprived Williams of it in a second

surprise contest, but the two champions, Cockell and Gardner, have never met. Will they?

Mr Simpson is indeed on the horns of a dilemma. Which corner would he operate in? He told me outright at Bexhill that he would not only be in neither corner but he would certainly not attend the fight.

What are the strengths of the three? Williams is undoubtedly the best boxer, but ill-equipped with "killer" spirit and always apprehensive although he has the ability to "go to" the top of the heap.

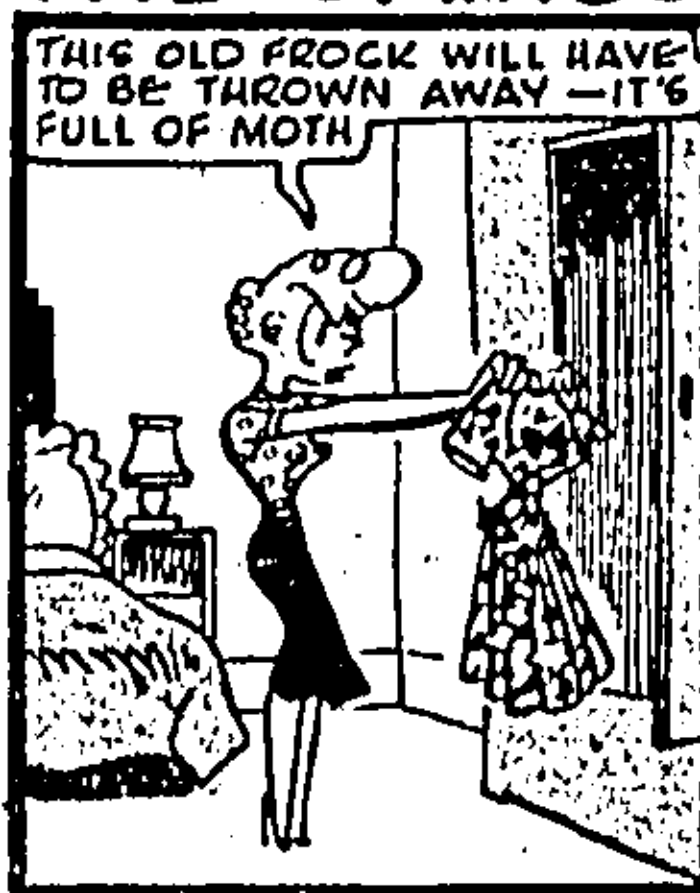
Gardner is the heaviest puncher but always throws his blows when off balance, and loses a lot of effect.

Cockell, handicapped by overweight and stockiness, overcomes these handicaps by his will to win.

Who is my fancy to emerge as Champion out of this triangular contest? Gardner, if he learns to punch correctly.

But unlike the fighters of old not one of the three has his heart in the game and British boxing suffers as a result. Cockell, Gardner and Williams are only in boxing with a means to an end — to obtain enough money to set up as farmers in a big way.

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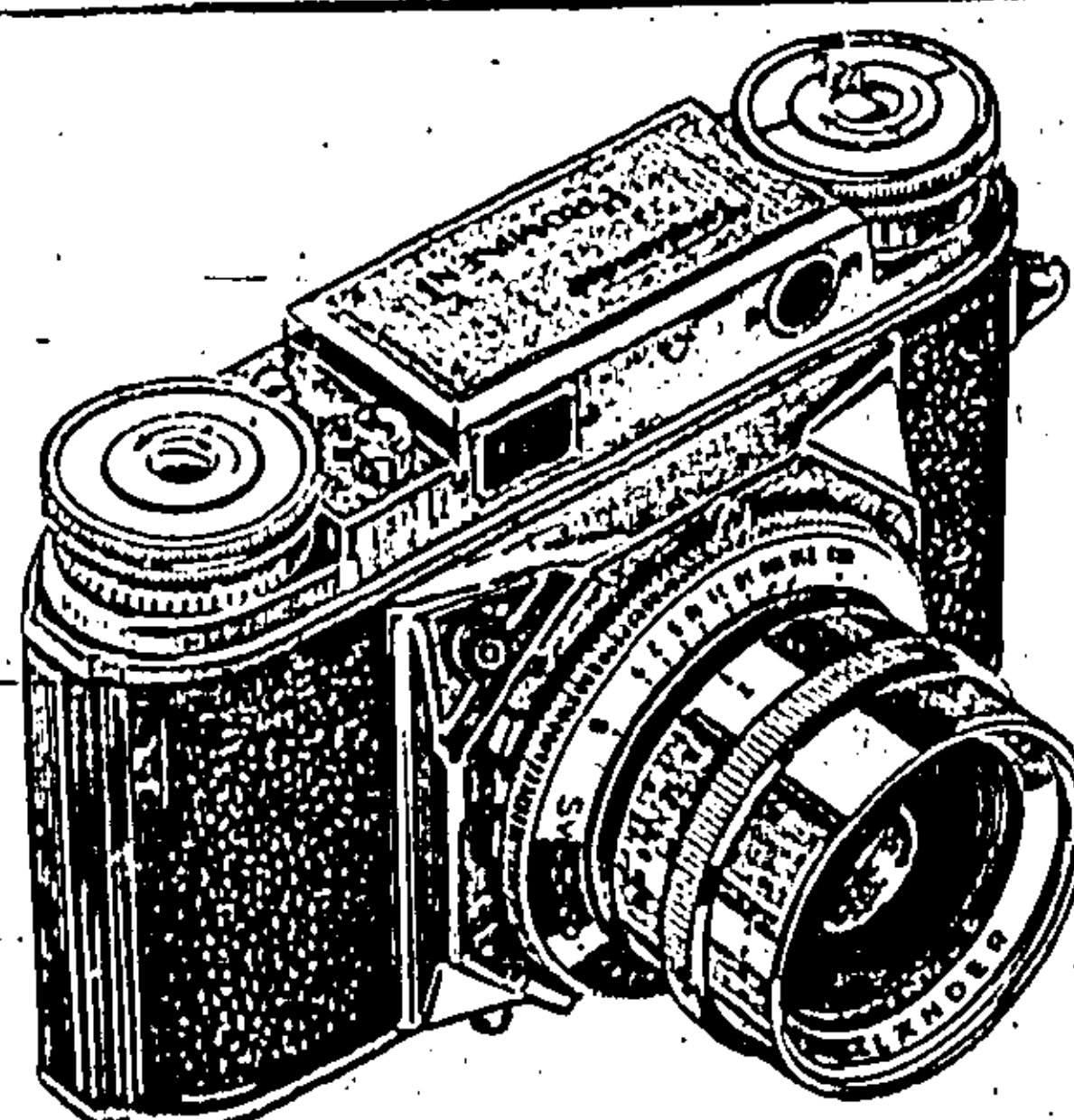
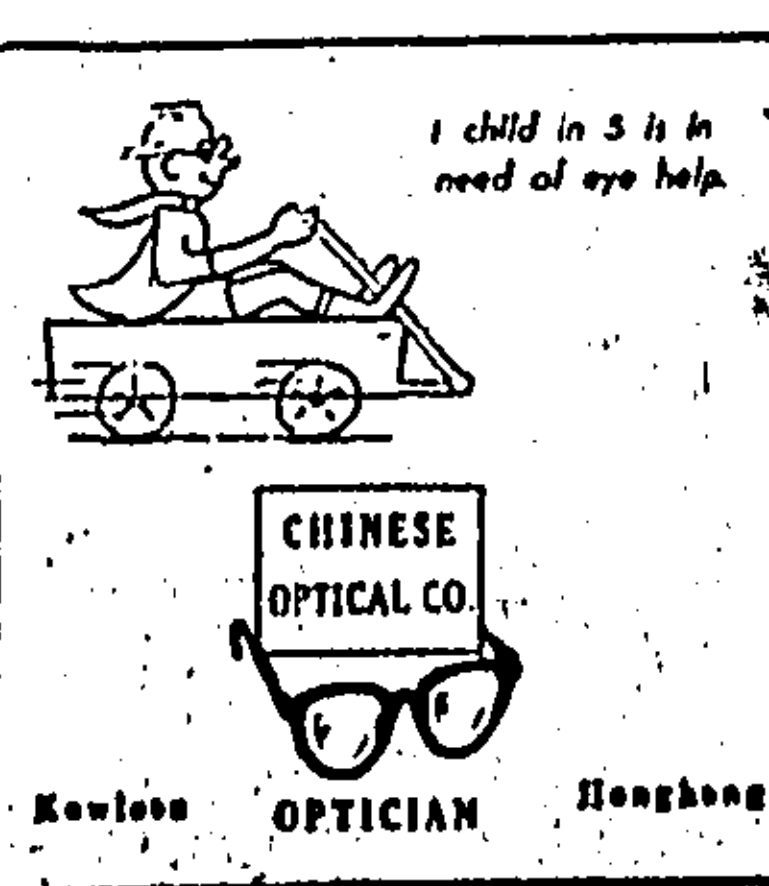
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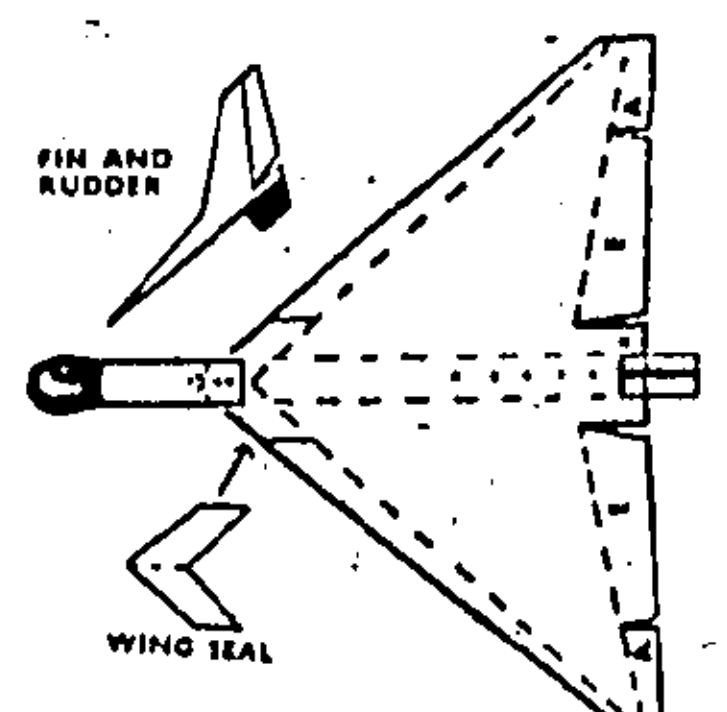
# the BOYS and GIRLS PAGE

## NOW FLY YOUR OWN PLANE

by EDWARD G. SMETTEM

A PLANE that really flies? Here it is, made from a matchstick. It is a model of the Avro Vulcan jet, and it was specially designed for readers of this page. Follow the instructions, and then when your plane is ready launch it catapult-fashion from the "flight deck" you learned how to make in the China Mail of October 10—from a strip of three-ply wood with an elastic band fixed in a slot in one end. Now this is how to make the plane:—

Trace the three actual sized parts on to a stiff paper, and cut out without creasing.



Make a small cut into the apex of the wing down to the dotted line, and after bending down the front edges of the wing to an angle of 45 degrees, glue the seal over the apex of the delta. Make four cuts into the rear of the wing for "elbow" flaps. Lay a match on the plan and mark off position for front and rear notches to hold the wing and cut with a sharp penknife. Glue the wing parts which go into the notches, and insert the rear of wing first. Press the

notches on to the glued wing when in position. Next cut the vertical notch at the rear end of the match, take the "heel" of the rudder, with the fin resting on the five spots of glue shown on the wing centre. When all is dry, she's ready to fly. Turn up to just under 45 degrees the elevator-sections (marked E) and leave the ailerons (A) set at neutral. Launch first at slow speed. Correct tendency to bank by turning down a fraction the aileron on the falling wing, and up on the opposite wing. Turn only with rudder, set to desired direction.

## PLAY MOUNTIE

1. Cut a 10 inch square of CARDBOARD...and color in squares.

2. HOW TO PLAY: PLAYERS TAKE TURNS...A PLAYER USES FOUR RED BUTTONS FOR THE ROYAL MOUNTED POLICE. THE OTHER USES A WHITE BUTTON FOR THE ESCAPED CONVICT.

3. The convict must break through the line of mounties and reach the woods to win.

4. The mounties must corner the convict to win.

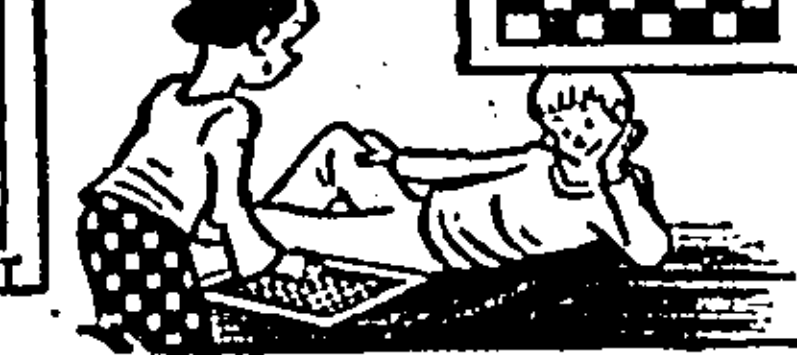
THE MOUNTIES MAY MOVE FORWARD ONLY ON THE DARK SQUARES.



THE ESCAPED CONVICT MAY MOVE BOTH FORWARD OR BACKWARD ON THE DARK SQUARES...NEITHER A MOUNTIE NOR THE CONVICT CAN JUMP.

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## Cowboy Belongs to West But Origin Is Surprising

By HAROLD GLUCK

OUR hero has fired the last bullet in his six-shooter. His rifle is useless because the firing pin was destroyed. Now he faces the foe with courage in his heart. "Before I kill you," taunts Chief Rain-on-the-Head, "who are you?" "I am a cowboy," replies the lone white man as he watches the tomahawk and 80 other redskins. "A what?" asks a puzzled Indian chief.

"Want me to explain?" says our hero who sees a chance to save his life. "Go ahead, white man," says the redskin. "My secretary is ready to take it all down. But make it clear. My people want to know just what a cowboy is."

The cowboy has been known by different names. He has been called a "cowpuncher," a "puncher," a "buckaroo," a "puckaroo," a "cowhand," and a "hand." Now to all this you can add his slang names, such as "leather-puncher," "cow-prod," "saddle-stiff" or "ranahan." When the rodeo comes to town people add such expressions as "bronco buster" and "bronco peeler."

Whether the hero in a fiction story can fall deeply in love with a "bull nurse," a "buckaroo" or a "cowman" is open to question.

**HARDY PEOPLE**  
Offhand, it sounds very simple to work out the origin of the expression "cowboy." Somewhere, it should seem logical, in the great wide West of America, our hero as a young boy took care of a cow, and became a cowboy.

But the fact remains, that in pre-Revolutionary days, the idea of the cowboy was born. We have in existence a letter written about 1750 by one of Braddock's officers. He describes the men on horseback who drive their herds of cattle.

He makes this comment: "The Cow-Pen Men are hardy People, are almost continually on horse-back, being obliged to know the Haunts of their cattle." And during the U. S. Revolutionary War there were tough gangs of cowboys. Actually most of them were Tory refugees and they stole many cattle.

Even Cameron and his boys became known as "cowboys." Things were not so good in Texas with Santa Anna's troops on the one hand, and the Indians on the other. So each district organized its ranger company, ready to spring upon their horses, and with their rifles go to the rescue.

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**Rupert's Coral Island—23**



The great fish swims so powerfully, sometimes on the surface and sometimes under water. That all land is soon out of sight. Poor Rupert can do nothing about it but cling to the mast as screaming gulls wheel round him ineffectively. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED



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After the battle of San Jacinto, the Mexicans rancheros left their herds behind while they fled to safety across the Rio Grande. The problem of feeding the hungry Texan army was simplified by sending out "cowboys" to bring in the beef on hoof. They were really tough hombres in those days. One complaint mentions that "at that time was a company of organised bandits and cut-throats called cowboys."

After the American Civil War when ranches grew and the herd went on the trail, the day of the cowboy began.

Charles A. Siringo wrote his book "A Texas Cowboy" in 1885. About a million copies of it have since been sold in various editions. The day of the cowboy had finally arrived. And both in fiction and in fact, the cowboy became something of a hero.

## Play Ball-O

A WIDE cardboard dress or suit box is needed for this game. You can use either the lid or the bottom part. On the inside of the box, make three big O's by tracing around a saucer with a dark crayon. Print a 2 in the centre circle, and a 1 in each of the others.

To play, put the box on the floor. Players take turns tossing the ball into the box. If the ball stops in one of the circles, the player scores the number written there. There is no score if the ball does not land in a circle, or if it misses the box. The player to score 10 points first wins the game.

## BOX TOUCH TRICK

Ask your friends if they can touch a box inside and outside without opening it. You can show them how by touching a box while standing outside of the house and again while standing inside.

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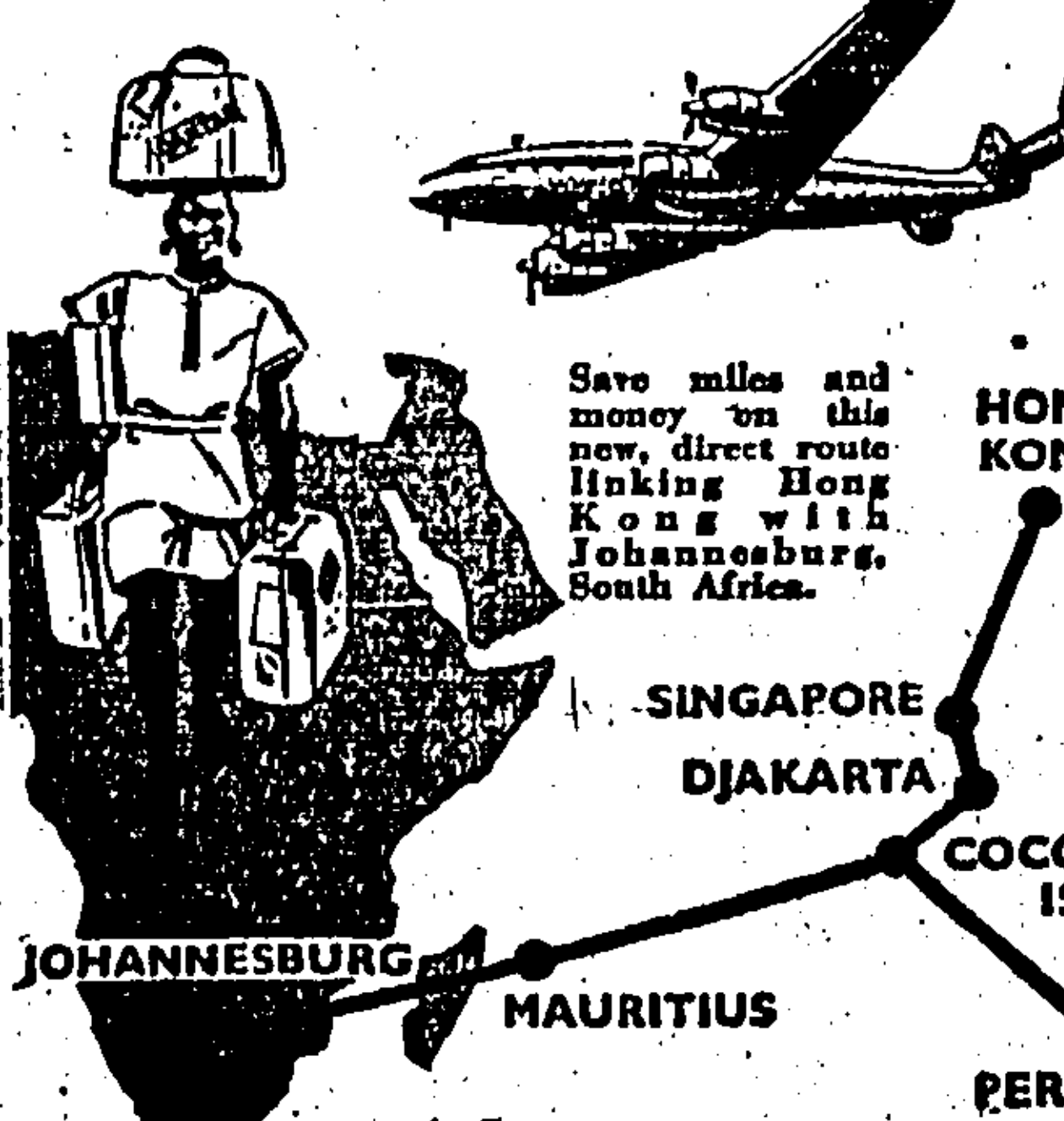
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